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Torch-bearing Peace Now demonstrators gather outside the Prime Minister's house in Jerusalem last night to protest against the government's settlement policy in the West Bank. Story — p.2.

Snags may hold up declaration on areas

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin has been striving over the weekend to devise wording for a government proclamation on West Bank settlements that would allay fears for the future but not infringe on Israel's commitment to maintain the area's legal status.

Begin's press aide Shlomo Nakdimon said last night that there were "difficulties" which might prevent the draft proclamation from being brought before the cabinet for ratification at its weekly meeting today.

This morning there will be a series of ministerial conclaves before the formal cabinet meeting begins, in an effort to reach final wording that will satisfy hardliners and moderates.

Democratic Movement sources said last night that their party had not yet been consulted, but it expected to be before the cabinet meeting this morning.

The DM sources criticised the very fact that Begin was seeking a new formula obviously linked to the Eilon Moreh issue — despite the disclaimers — when Begin himself had declared repeatedly that last Sunday's cabinet decision was "the last word" on the issue.

"There is no urgency," Nakdimon insisted. The proposed proclamation was not intended "to appease Gush Emunim." One does not have to appease Gush Emunim or seek to assuage them," he declared. "They are citizens like all other citizens and as such they will doubtless obey the law. We are not imagining the

possibility of them disobeying the law...."

Begin's spokesman added that the premier and other key ministers were "aware of" the time factor pressing them to resolve the Eilon Moreh issue.

The problem is that the government must begin work at the proposed alternative site of Jabal Kabir soon if it is to meet the six-week deadline for the evacuation of Eilon Moreh laid down in last week's cabinet decision. If the work is not begun within a few days, that deadline will become impossible to meet.

But the government refuses to begin the work unless it receives a clear commitment from the Eilon Moreh settlers that they will move there peacefully.

Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori said last week that if the settlers do not indicate their agreement to move quietly, the government will not be bound to wait for the end of the six-week period before removing them by force.

The government proclamation which Begin, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir and key ministers have been hammering out would emphasize the government's commitment to the existence of present Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria and its intention to implement the declared policy of expanding them and founding new ones. The proclamation would express the government's "responsibility" for the settlements and its "concern" over any efforts to challenge their

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More Rujieb villagers ask court for removal of Eilon Moreh from their land

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty-one Rujieb villagers whose land is occupied by the settlement of Eilon Moreh appealed on Friday to the High Court of Justice to extend its earlier ruling to their land as well.

The villagers, represented by attorneys Elias Khoury and Amnon Zichroni, claim that the court's ruling last month that the seizure order issued by the army for the Gush Emunim settlement was illegal, applies to all of the 700 dunam occupied by the settlers.

Last week the military government, acting on the basis of a government decision, returned 123 dunams to the landowners who had brought the original suit. None of the settlers' buildings was located on the land so far returned. The government has decided that the entire settlement is to be relocated on a nearby hill within 60 days, if the settlers agree to the proposal.

The lawyers are demanding that the army be instructed to remove all the settlers immediately, and claim that the government had no right to grant them an extension.

Ehrlich blasts Gush and cabinet backers

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A strongly worded attack against Gush Emunim and "those figures in the government who support the group" was made here on Friday by Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Ehrlich.

Addressing the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, Ehrlich also opposed any change in the legal status of Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. The cabinet is due to discuss today a resolution put forward by Prime Minister Menachem Begin setting out its policy on these areas.

"We have already announced that we will claim sovereignty over Judea and Samaria at the end of the five years of autonomy. But if the government decides that Judea and Samaria are not occupied territory but something more, this would endanger the peace process and violate the Camp David agreements," Ehrlich said.

Ehrlich also spoke against founding any new settlements in Judea and Samaria at the moment.

"We must strengthen existing settlements which are in danger of collapse and not give in to demonstrations to build new ones. If we spend billions of pounds, each million must be weighed very carefully," he said. This last comment appeared to refer obliquely to the government's decision to spend IL500 on housing construction in the territories.

Ehrlich admitted that he had felt "a great weight off my mind" upon relinquishing the job of finance minister two weeks ago and hinted that he now considered himself free to speak his mind on other issues.

He backed this up with a withering assault on Gush Emunim and his cabinet colleagues who support them.

"Gush Emunim tries to create facts against government decisions," he said. "They consider themselves a second government and I am very sorry that some ministers negotiate with them as if they were. We should remember that they are now part of a political group whose aim is to fight the government. The government has been

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El Al strike delays 2,800; IL1.5m. lost

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eight El Al flights were cancelled, 2,800 travellers' plans were disrupted and losses of IL1.5m. were incurred by the national airline as a result of a wildcat strike by El Al's ground workers from 4 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. this morning.

The strike began before El Al's management had time to notify the 2,800 passengers booked on the airline's incoming and outgoing flights.

Most of the passengers were transferred to other airlines, but some 500 had to spend Friday and Saturday nights in hotels here. The strike will also cause delays of one to two hours in departures this morning, due to the late arrival of planes today.

The workers launched what they called a "warning strike" to protest the board of directors' decision not to sign a wage agreement with them last Thursday.

Instead, the board decided to work on a plan, due to be completed by December 31, in which wage agreements with the ground workers and air crews would be integral parts of the overall retrenchment programme.

If the agreement of El Al's works

committees, management and the Histadrut on a wage settlement is not achieved by December 31, the board of directors will consider closing the airline, it was decided last Thursday.

Commenting on the weekend strike, newly appointed board chairman Avraham "Buma" Shavit emphasized the damage caused to the airline's credibility and prestige at a time when El Al was attempting to upgrade its services and restore passengers' faith in the company.

"Why should innocent tourists and travellers suffer? I have no war with the works committees. I was appointed by the government to get the company out of the economic mess it's in, and I took the post with the profound faith that El Al can be cured by a joint effort," Shavit said.

Shavit said he could not understand how the workers could cause such damage to the airline, which is already suffering losses of tens of millions of dollars a year.

Shavit also accused the works committees of not consulting with workers before calling the strike, and not heeding the Histadrut's request to stay on the job.

Asked whether he would take measures against the strikers, Shavit said: "We will not be provoked into retaliation. The board of directors will wait until December 31, when the retrenchment programme is due to be completed, and then act."

Economic cabinet will discuss Tuesday strike

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

The economic cabinet headed by Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz meets in the capital today as the Histadrut's one-day protest general strike against Hurvitz's initial inflationary measures looms.

The strike, set for Tuesday, is one item on the agenda of Hurvitz's team. Others include the weekend stoppage by El Al workers, the immediate need to make cuts in current, budgetary allocations to ministries and government authorities, and the problem of black capital.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel promised Hurvitz in a weekend telephone conversation that he will tell him today when Hurvitz can meet the trade union federation's central committee before the strike, to try to convince them it should be called off. Hurvitz demanded the meeting on Thursday, and also wants to meet the Histadrut executive. He is said not to be in-

terested in a confrontation with the Histadrut, but he has instructed the Treasury that government employees and people working for bodies budgeted by the state should not be paid if they strike on Tuesday.

Meshel said on Friday that the strike call is binding on all members of the Histadrut. Talking to union and labour council representatives, Meshel hit out at NRP secretary-general Danny Vermus for opposing the strike. The representative of Hapoel Hamizrabi, the NRP-affiliated labour organization, which is a member of the Histadrut Trade Union department, was present at the central committee meeting which decided on the strike.

The strike is scheduled to begin at six on Tuesday morning and end at nine at night. Health services will operate on Shabbat timetables. Electricity and newspapers will not be affected.

"The Liberal Party, the Democratic Movement and the Ahdut faction in

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Four hurt in Jerusalem stonings

Four people were hurt in two separate stone-throwing incidents in Arab neighbourhoods on the outskirts of Jerusalem last night. A couple travelling with their young son in their car from the centre of town to the southern suburb of Gilo were stoned by youths apparently from the nearby village of Beit Safafa.

The mother and child were hurt and then taken to Hadassah Hospital

at Ein Kerem. The mother was said to be suffering from multiple fractures, and the child was lightly hurt. Two others were hurt when a number 25 bus was stoned on its way to the north Jerusalem quarter of Neve Ya'acov. The incident took place in the Shufat area. The two were given first aid at the Neve Ya'acov police station and sent home. (15m)

More anti-U.S. feeling in the Moslem world Saudis hunting down invaders in tunnels of Mecca's mosque

By ANAN SAFADI
Post Middle East Affairs Editor

Saudi Arabian security forces moved through the tunnels and rooms of the Grand Mosque of Mecca amid sporadic gunfire yesterday, trying to round up a band of religious zealots without damaging Islam's holiest shrine, according to diplomatic sources.

Sources with access to Saudi government officials said the invaders were still holding some hostages.

There were reportedly 500-1,000 rebels at the outset.

Weekend prayers, including the main service held at noon on Friday, were in the meantime shifted from the Mecca mosque, which contains the cube-like Kaaba structure to which all Moslem prayers are directed, to that of Medina which houses the tomb of the prophet Mohammed.

Little has been revealed so far about the attackers. Some reports describe them as Moslem fanatics inspired by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini and plagued by religious hallucinations. Others identify them as members of dissident tribes who are disenchanted with the 50-year

rule of the Wahabi house of the Saudis.

Saudi Information Minister Mohammed Abdo Yamani has said that his government's troops could storm the rebels at any time, but want to protect the sanctity of the Mecca shrine.

Yamani's statement sounded unconvincing, however, since the government has obtained a fatwa, or religious ruling, enabling the troops to put an end to the rebels' own desecration of the mosque. That announcement was made by Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal last week.

The fact that the Mecca affair was not dealt with promptly has brought to the fore two developments. The first is the unprecedented challenge by rebels to the Saudi regime and the outbreak of unusual demonstrations, such as the one staged by 10,000 people in Jeddah on Friday, to protest their government's impotence.

The second development was the increase in anti-American, if not anti-West, feelings, throughout the Islamic world.

The two simultaneous developments appear to have been largely inspired by Khomeini, who has been flexing his muscles at the U.S. since his disciples took over the

American embassy in Teheran three weeks ago, to force the extradition of the ex-shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

State Department spokesman Hoddling Carter has indicated that not only Khomeini was responsible for spreading reports about American involvement in the Mecca affair. He said anti-American reports were being circulated by "those who have some vested interest in eroding the power of the U.S." in the region.

The Soviet Union was presumably in that category. The official Tass news agency over the weekend asserted U.S. involvement by reporting the alleged arrival of American commandos in the Saudi capital.

Libya and Syria, whose talk of U.S. involvement in the Mecca affair was dismissed in Washington as "false and irresponsible," apparently fanned anti-American sentiment at an Arab League summit held in Tunis last week.

The League's 21 members had unanimously singled out the U.S. for criticism.

The pronouncement was contained in a communique reaffirming the Arab rejection of the Camp David

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Grave action if hostages hurt—U.S.

CAMP DAVID, Maryland (AP). — President Jimmy Carter, striving to win the release of 48 American hostages at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, warned on Friday night that "extremely grave" retaliation would result from harm to any of the captives.

At the conclusion of a lengthy meeting with top military and foreign policy advisers at his mountain-top retreat, Carter declared through his chief spokesman: "The last American hostage is just as important to the United States as the first. The consequences of harm to any single hostage will be extremely grave."

The Carter administration had said earlier that it hopes to end the standoff peacefully, but has "other remedies" available in the effort to end the U.S.-Iranian crisis, triggered by the November 4 embassy takeover.

Informed sources indicated Friday morning that force would not be used against Iran to stop a trial of the hostages as spies, as some Iranian officials apparently felt the statement about "other remedies" indicated. But the sources, declining to be identified publicly, said later that the administration has made no final decision about the use of force in such a situation.

These sources said the administration still hopes to work out a solution in which Iran would release the hostages in exchange for some type of forum, perhaps at the UN, to air its grievances against the deposed shah.

In relaying Carter's handwritten warning of Friday, press secretary Jody Powell told reporters the U.S. remains firm in its refusal to return the ousted shah to Iran.

Carter met on Friday for about two hours and 20 minutes with his advisers and yesterday he met with military leaders and Defence Secretary Harold Brown.

Iranian officials on Friday let U.S. Congressman George Hansen into the American Charge d'Affaires, Bruce Lainger, and two other senior U.S. embassy officials held there — political officer Victor Tomsh and security chief Michael Holland. Hansen said the captives appeared tired but well, and he was trying to visit the 48 hostages in the occupied embassy.

He said he had proposed a U.S. congressional inquiry into allegations against the deposed shah, and was convinced after talking to Acting Foreign Minister Abolhasan Bani Sadr and others that the U.S.-Iranian crisis could be resolved "by dialogue and initiatives."

Hansen, the first American to visit the three, said Bani Sadr and several other members of the ruling revolutionary council considered a congressional inquiry a "good idea."

In an interview with the U.S. broadcast network PBS, Bani Sadr said the climate would "change for the better" if an international tribunal agreed to investigate the crimes Iran says the shah committed. But he said Iran still insists

that the U.S. agree to return the shah to Iran for trial.

The U.S. Treasury Department on Friday declined to comment on Bani Sadr's reported statement declining to honour foreign debts, but officials were studying the matter, a spokesman said. The whole point of freezing Iran's assets in the U.S. last week was to "safeguard ourselves from an eventuality of this kind," the spokesman said.

The U.S. Air Training Command in San Antonio, Texas, on Friday ordered Iranian pilots at all U.S. military installations grounded at least temporarily.

The British embassy in Teheran is sending home more than half of its already reduced staff of 40 within the next few days, an embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the move was "not a political decision," but in line with the mission's severely reduced workload since the exodus of Britons and the diminished British trade with Iran. There are now only about 300 Britons in Iran compared with some 14,000 a year ago.

The British mission was invaded briefly by militant students a few days after they occupied the U.S. embassy.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a spokesman for the U.S. embassy confirmed the embassy had received a telephone call on Friday saying a bomb had been planted in the building housing the embassy, but that no bomb was found.

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Weizman seen boosted to succeed Begin

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Likud sources told The Jerusalem Post last night that an eventual succession to Prime Minister Menachem Begin by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman is "a distinct possibility," if and when Begin decides to retire from politics.

Sources close to the defence minister and Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich would not comment directly on reports over the weekend about the political ally they have allegedly formed to groom Weizman as heir to the Likud leadership. But they intimated that "cooperation to that end does exist."

The taboo in Likud on talk about succession to Begin appears to have ended now, and Weizman appears the most likely man to lead the party after the premier. The biggest ace Weizman holds is public opinion polls, which indicate that only under his leadership could the Likud beat the Alignment, if elections were held now.

The Liberals have long indicated that Weizman is their favourite candidate, especially due to his moderate stand on the peace issue. But they stress that they mean only an eventual succession to Begin, and that as long as the premier is willing and able to lead the Likud they are solidly behind him as their first choice for the number one position in the party.

The sources close to Weizman said that he, too, has no immediate campaign plans, and is loyal to Begin. They added that he is all too well aware that his future may well depend on Begin's goodwill. Though he feels he has the power to bring the government down, Weizman knows he must have Begin's blessing to win the confidence of Herut, where he is still widely mistrusted.

It is said that Housing Minister David Levy would support Weizman in a struggle with Herut, but only if Begin indicated support for the defence minister.

It is felt in the Likud that if Finance Minister Yigael Hurvitz succeeds in healing the economy, and if he and Weizman can find a modus vivendi on peace questions, they could make "an unbeatable team."

Egypt to cut Alma oil output

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt recovers the Israeli-developed Alma oil fields in Sinai today and is expected to cut back production by half immediately to maintain reserves.

Petroleum Ministry officials have said privately that Israel has been over-exploiting the fields, which it developed after conquering Sinai in the 1967 war.

There has been no official accusation of over-exploitation, but Petroleum Minister Ahmed Ezzed-din Hilal has announced that production will be cut back to 20,000 barrels a day.

Israel has been extracting about 40,000 barrels a day, or around two million tons a year, ministry officials said. That is the amount President Anwar Sadat promised to sell Israel when he met Prime Minister Menachem Begin in September.

It remains unclear whether agreement on prices for the oil has been reached. Egypt has been asking \$32.50 a barrel, while Israel was prepared to pay only \$23.50, as set by

the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

After intensive talks between Sadat and Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Sadat said he had agreed to sell the two million tons to Israel for one year at the OPEC rate, with the price subject to negotiation in future years. But later, Hilal said there would be no preferential treatment for Israel.

Further indication that all had not been settled came from Energy Minister Yehoshua Modai, who told reporters that if Egypt failed to meet its commitment to sell oil to Israel, it would be tantamount to breaking the peace treaty.

If production from Alma is halved, Egypt will have to find the remainder of the promised crude from its present annual exports of some eight million tons, the best of which it sells at \$32.50 a barrel.

The loss to Egypt, if the two million tons are sold at the OPEC ceiling price, would be \$140m.

Western diplomatic sources said that as a way around the problem,

Egypt had been considering selling its oil to Israel at \$32.50 but only asking immediate payment at the OPEC price, leaving the balance as a form of soft loan to be repaid later.

They were unable however to say whether this was the final agreement.

But whatever the agreement on price, the return of the oil fields represents the first direct large-scale financial benefit to Egypt from its peace treaty with Israel.

So far it has recovered territory with fishing and mineral resources, but nothing on a scale with the oil fields, which even at the reduced production rate of one million tons a year will be worth more than \$200m. at current Egyptian prices.

Return of the Alma fields leaves only a central section containing three strategic passes which Israel will hand over in January to complete the first stage of withdrawal. Egypt will then control two-thirds of the desert peninsula, and the balance will be returned over the next two years.

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In Memoriam. The funeral took place in Helsinki last week of Helga von Helroth, wife of former Finnish ambassador in Israel and Finland-Israel Friendship Society chairman Agnar von Helroth.

Yariv seeks updated formula for talks. TEL AVIV (Itim). — The 1974 "Yariv-Shem Tov" formula, which states that Israel should negotiate with any Palestinian group which rejects terrorism and recognizes Israel's right to exist, no longer provides a sufficient basis for negotiations, Aharon Yariv said on a radio news magazine programme last night.

Sadat sets up Sinai government. SOUTHERN SINAI (Itim). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has designated Southern Sinai as the 28th region within Egypt's federal structure, according to a brochure printed by the new regional administration for last week's returned area.

MECCA (Continued from page one) peace accords and the Egypt-Israel peace treaty. The Arab states were evidently careful enough to omit mention of Khomeini, who had dispatched a delegation to the Tunis summit to urge that the Arabs declare a jihad (holy war) against the U.S. and Israel.

'Moderates' say he'll quit if released Shak'a appeal before committee tomorrow

By IAN BLACK Jerusalem Post Reporter. A three-man military advisory committee tomorrow morning will begin hearing an appeal by Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a against the banishment order issued by the Judea and Samaria military governor.

The committee, appointed on Friday on the orders of Tat-Aluf Benyamin Ben-Eliezer, will convene in Ramle jail, where Shak'a has been held since his arrest two weeks ago. Yesterday was the ninth day of the Nablus mayor's hunger strike to protest his detention and expulsion. His wife also plans to begin a hunger strike in Nablus today. Advocate Felicia Langer plans to visit her client in an attempt to persuade him to halt his protest.

The advisory committee was set up following a request from Langer, after the High Court of Justice decided last Thursday that it could not deal with an application against the banishment order until the normal legal channels had been exhausted. The body will be composed of three military judges headed by Sgan-Aluf Ya'acov Orr, president of the Judea and Samaria military courts, and it is expected to complete its work by Tuesday afternoon.

Ben-Eliezer, however, is not bound to accept its recommendations, and he is expected to give his decision on the same day. Then Shak'a has three days in which to go back to the High Court.

According to rumours circulating in the West Bank over the weekend, a number of "moderate personalities" have initiated a last-minute mediation attempt with the military authorities to secure Shak'a's release, in exchange for which they were reported to be prepared to have him removed from office.

It was not possible to identify these personalities, but it was thought unlikely that they included the mayors of Bethlehem, Gaza and Hebron, who were involved in an unsuccessful mediation attempt last week with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told the Jerusalem Post last night that he would not agree to participate in any further mediation moves, as Weizman's refusal last week to reconsider the expulsion order had "cut all bridges between us."

Both Israeli and Arab sources close to the Shak'a affair yesterday expressed the view that taking the case before the military advisory committee might give the authorities a last chance to reverse the expulsion decision and avoid the possible embarrassment of being overruled by the High Court.

The West Bank was generally quiet over the weekend. Minor incidents included a stone-throwing attack on an IDF vehicle near Tulkarm (one soldier was slightly injured), roadblocks and distribution of pro-Palestine Liberation Organization leaflets at Kabatiya near Jenin, and a demonstration by schoolchildren at the Aqabat Jabber refugee camp near Jericho.

A two-hour commercial strike is planned for 10 a.m. to noon today in Nablus, and there may be a general strike throughout the West Bank tomorrow as the military advisory committee begins its hearing.

how and when they would agree to leave Elion Moreh. Bruno said that there was no economic logic in doubling the price of milk and endorsing a settlement programme costing I.L.50b.

"Hurwitz is throwing sand in our eyes when he says that flats in Karnel Shomron and in Rishon Lezion cost about the same. This is untrue and takes no account of the vastly greater infrastructure costs necessary for settlement in the West Bank," he said.

Bruno was followed by Sheli and Panther activist Sa'adia Marciano. Some Peace Now leaders were opposed to Marciano's appearance. They said that allowing him to speak was a submission to "moral blackmail" by the Black Panthers, who threatened violence if not allowed their voice. But many Peace Now supporters cheered Marciano's participation.

Just before 9 p.m. the demonstrators dispersed, several hundred making their way to the prime minister's office in the Kirya to hold a night-long vigil until this morning's cabinet meeting.

A second demonstration is scheduled for noon today.



IDF troops indulge in a last supper and a final swim in the clear waters of Ras Muhammed yesterday before the Israeli withdrawal from the area under the terms of the Israel-Egypt peace agreement. (Starphot)

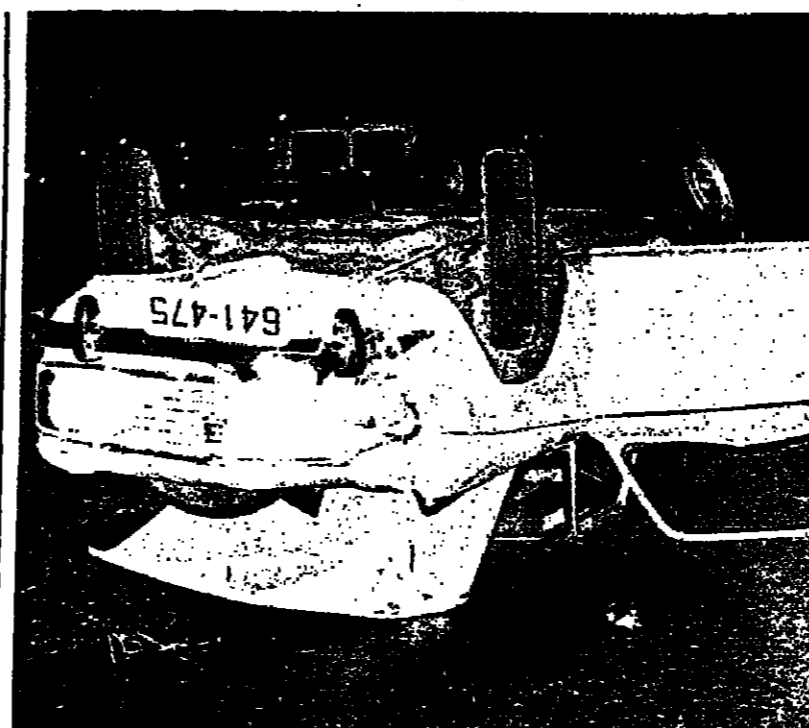
ECONOMIC CABINET

(Continued from page one) the Likud, headed by MK Hillel Seidel, all condemned the strike call as "political" and called on workers not to heed it.

Hurwitz spent seven hours in Defence Ministry headquarters in Tel Aviv on Friday in unfinished talks with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and the chief of staff, Rav Aluf Rafael Eitan, on the ministry's financial requirements. It was clear that Hurwitz wants to make substantial cuts, of the order of billions of pounds, in the defence allocation. Friday's meeting was said to be an initial one, during which Hurwitz was made familiar with the structure of the defence establishment.

No real changes are expected in the tax collection system. At this point it seems that the only steps to be taken on the tax front will be aimed at achieving greater efficiency in the implementation of the tax authorities' existing powers.

In today's economic cabinet talks steps in current use against basic capital will be described. The feeling in the Treasury is that the tax collecting mechanism is functioning well and needs only to be strengthened. The possibility of uniting the investigation departments of income tax and value added tax may well be considered, and the proposal to collect income tax and national insurance contributions together, which Labour and Social Affairs



Five Jerusalem youths piled into this car and took off late Friday for a night on the town. They ended up in hospital after their car flipped over near Givat Mordechai. (Zoom 77 - Uri Stein)

605 dead in road crashes from January to October

Israel's road accident toll during the first 10 months of 1979 was 605 dead, including 65 children. Transport Minister Haim Landau, giving these figures to a B'nai B'rith gathering in the capital devoted to the subject of accident prevention, noted that there had been a 32 per cent drop in accident figures during the past seven months over the same period last year. Injuries were also down by 19 per cent, and fatalities by 14 per cent.

The figures do not reflect the personal anguish of widows and orphans, and those injured in road crashes, the minister stressed. The economy also lost some I.L.4.5b. because of road accident casualties last year.

Teachers' pay late again this month

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli on Friday announced that the country's 60,000 teachers will not get their November salaries on time at the end of the month.

The Histadrut teachers union has threatened to begin industrial action in the schools at the start of December if the salaries do not arrive on time. They threaten a strike if the disruptions prove unsuccessful.

The teachers have received advances instead of salaries since the start of the school year because the ministry's finance department's officials have been on a go-slow strike.

Policeman who allegedly stole rug from car may go on trial

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter. The central district attorney is considering presenting a charge sheet against a police officer who is suspected of stealing a carpet from a car which was hit in a traffic accident.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the charge sheet against the officer has been prepared, but the district attorney has not yet decided whether to present it in court.

The attorney who prepared the charge sheet sent a letter to the government's legal adviser and to the police complaints commissioner on Friday, asking for their opinion. In his letter he asked whether to present the charge sheet or to have the officer tried in the police disciplinary court.

The Post has also learned that the officer allegedly stole the carpet, worth I.L.500, when he examined a car which was brought to the police station after being damaged in a traffic accident. It is alleged that the officer took the carpet for his police car.

According to police regulations, a special investigation team inquires into criminal acts of police personnel. The file is then transferred to the legal adviser and state attorney, who decides whether to try the person in a civil court or a police disciplinary court.

Last year the police complaints officer received some 9,000 complaints alleging irregular acts by police personnel.

Police probe into charge that Biton struck detective

Jerusalem Post Reporter. A senior police officer on Friday questioned policemen who were involved in an incident outside the High Court building on Thursday when MK Charlie Biton (Hadasah) is alleged to have struck a plainclothes detective. Biton has vigorously denied the charges.

The incident took place during the hearing on the interim injunction of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shak'a, who is fighting a banishment order. Biton had tried to enter the packed courtroom, but was stopped by the policeman.

Biton alleges that the policeman insulted him, while the policeman maintains that Biton slapped the detective in the face.

On Friday Tat-Nitzav Yehoshua Caspi, deputy commander of the Southern District, questioned the detective and other policemen who were on duty in the area at the time. The police are adamant that if they think Biton committed a criminal offence they will press charges against him.

Small claims bigger. Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir has instructed small claims courts to accept suits of up to I.L.20,000, four times the previous limit.

Sheli 'unites,' wants to join future Alignment government

By SHAYA SHAPIRO Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Anticipating early general elections, Sheli leaders announced yesterday that their loose federation will adopt a unified "party" structure.

The change sanctioned by a "unity convention" held here over the weekend will aim at "turning the ideological alternative" that Sheli was into a political alternative, capable of taking an influential position in a future government, said Ya'acov Arnon, chairman of Sheli's executive.

Sheli was formed on the eve of the 1977 general elections as a potpourri organization of the Zionist left. It included Meir Pa'il's Moked, Uri Avnery's Haolam Hazeh, Arye Elifav's Independent Socialists and a splinter of the Black Panthers.

EHRlich BLASTS GUSH

(Continued from page one) dragged along by them but this process has to stop now," Ehrlich declared.

Referring to the Elion Moreh affair, Ehrlich said that he would support any means to evict the settlers in five weeks if they do not evacuate the site of their own accord.

"Last week's government decision was its last in this affair. I supported a resolution that said that the settlement would be moved to another place but the government passed one saying that it would move. This is the last decision and nothing more will be added," he said.

Turning to economic affairs, Ehrlich defended his service as finance minister, claiming several successes in managing the economy. Inflation, he said, was largely the fault of the rise in world oil prices which had also caused a deterioration in Israel's balance of payments over the last two years.

Bank of Israel intervention in linked bond market to continue

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter. The Bank of Israel will continue its intervention in the index-linked bond market. It is inconceivable that, as the country's largest issuer of index-linked bonds, we stop our concern for the development of the secondary market," stated Sam Bronfeld, responsible for open market activities for the central bank.

Bronfeld explained to The Jerusalem Post the underlying rationale behind the Bank of Israel's actions. "It is our policy to encourage private investment and thus help fight inflation. Index-linked bonds are a major instrument in encouraging investment and we must insure that the individual's funds are properly protected," Bronfeld said.

On behalf of the family I announce with sorrow the passing of my husband

LEO DAVIDOW. The funeral will leave from Beit Ha'am at Kfar Yedidya, today, November 25, at 3.30 p.m. Lotte Davidow

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our mother

ROSA KAHN. The funeral took place on Saturday night. Chaim and Aliza Kahn Chava and David Solberg and the grandchildren

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. Tribute will be paid to former prime minister

GOLDA MEIR. on the first anniversary of her passing at Mt. Herzl on Wednesday, November 28, 1979 at 2.30 p.m. Buses: 13, 17, 18, 20, 23, 27. The entrance to Mt. Herzl will be closed at 2.15 p.m.

On the thirtieth day after the passing of our dear, unforgettable

MICHAEL (Mischa) SURAWITZ. there will be a memorial service and unveiling of the tombstone tomorrow, Monday, November 26, 1979, at 3.00 p.m. in Holon Cemetery. We shall meet at the new gate. Our thanks to all who offered condolences. His wife, Eva

A Shilohim Service in memory of the late

MOSES HORNSTEIN. will be held on Monday, November 26, 1979 at 3.00 p.m., at Boys Town, Jerusalem, Harav Frank Street, Bayit Vegava. Friends are invited to attend.

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Yadin says he'll quit if slum project dropped

Jerusalem Post Staff
TEL AVIV. — Deputy Premier Yigal Yadin warned on Friday night that he would resign and recommend that his Democratic Movement quit the coalition if the rehabilitation programme for Israel's disadvantaged neighbourhoods were frozen.

Yadin told a radio news reporter that he felt a personal commitment to both the slum dwellers and to the Jewish communities abroad to ensure the continuation of Project Renewal. He said it was inconceivable that this programme be curtailed as it was "the social programme of the government" and "its success could mean the improvement of the difficult social fabric in these sensitive neighbourhoods."

The deputy prime minister conceded that the number of neighbourhoods in the programme might be reduced as part of the government's austerity plan, but the rehabilitation efforts could not be totally abandoned. Project Renewal having been based on an agreement between the government and world Jewry.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz on Friday also strongly opposed any curtailment of Project Renewal despite the critical economic situation.

Speaking to senior ministry officials, Katz said the ambitious plan to make large-scale financial and social investments in upgrading selected under-privileged neighbourhoods must continue even in a period of budgetary cuts. The cuts, which hit the entire population, he said, necessitate increased efforts on behalf of its weaker members.

He strenuously denied that Project Renewal could be considered inflationary. It is inconceivable that those who have long since cut their consumer spending to the bone should be the ones to be affected by policies that are intended to curtail excessive consumption, he said.

Pointing out that Project Renewal has been two years in the planning stage, he noted that now it is finally moving into high gear. To continue it, he said, will restore the faith of the local population and forestall disappointment on the part of diaspora Jewry.



Demonstrators for an open road gather along the Ramot highway yesterday in a peaceful rally — heavily guarded. (Zoom 77)

Quiet rally for open Ramot road

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 3,000 Jerusalemites who want the Ramot road open on Shabbat yesterday lined the four-lane highway to the suburb, protesting religious zealots' violent harassment of drivers on the road. They called their own peaceful rally a "moral victory."

With five busloads of police outfitted in riot gear keeping religious counter-demonstrators away from the scene, the secular demonstrators heard speeches from leaders and milled about quietly from mid-afternoon until dusk.

On the hills of Kiryat Zanoz, the Agudat Yisrael neighbourhood overlooking the road, hundreds of religious Jews could be seen and sometimes heard shouting "Shabbos" at the mostly young, secular Jews near the road.

Except for minor skirmishes police had with some youths spitting for a fight, and with some overzealous religious Jews who tried to

outflank the heavy police guard, no violence was reported on the road. Despite the apparent calm yesterday, there was some drama on Friday, when Interior Minister Burg refused to grant a permit for the rally until the last moment. He said that there should be no Shabbat demonstrations, but a Ramot neighbourhood committee delegation argued that police had "legitimized" Shabbat demonstrations by not using a firm hand against the stone-throwing zealots, "who have been out here for the last 68 weeks."

Police did not issue a permit because of a standing order against Shabbat demonstrations. Application was therefore made directly to Burg.

Intervention on Friday by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, whose deputy Elad Peled was at the demonstration yesterday, finally persuaded Burg into granting a permit. Sources at the rally said Burg may have been influenced by a rabbinical court decision handed down on Friday that apparently kept

many religious demonstrators away. Despite the rabbinical order many Mea Shearim residents, of the extremist Natoral Kartia sect, converged on the stony hilltops overlooking the road. Police, wielding shields and batons, kept those religious demonstrators from charging down the hill at the secular demonstrators. Without such a heavy police presence, "there would have been bloodshed," said Yossi Yedid, a Ramot committee leader.

In Mea Shearim last night some buses were stoned after reports that Egged had buses used for secular demonstrators to the Ramot road.

A serene future for the road is still not guaranteed. The Natoral Kartia are opposed to the compromise proposal which would make the road one-way on Shabbat and have a wall built to shield the religious quarter from a view of the road. If there is no progress toward a solution this week, Ramot committee members are ready to resign. Yedid worries that the resulting leadership vacuum in the 2,500-family neighbourhood would be taken over by extremists.

Situation in Iran likely to mute UN 'Palestine Week'

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — "Palestine Week" opens here tomorrow at a time when Americans are still anxious about the hostages at the U.S. embassy in Teheran and about what appears to be a mounting tide of anti-American feeling in a number of Muslim countries.

The national mood here is thought likely to discourage Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat from taking part in the UN debate. The PLO came away from the recent Arab League meeting in Tunis with less of a victory than it gained at Rabat shortly before Arafat's only appearance here in 1978.

Nevertheless, a barrage of anti-Israel activities is planned under the official sponsorship of the UN. They include a debate on "The Question of Palestine" opening tomorrow and one on "The Situation in the Middle East" from November 30 to December 4. An exhibition on the Palestinians will be held at the main visitors' entrance and a film called

"The Palestinians do have Rights" will be shown.

Meanwhile, at a meeting with Israeli correspondents on Friday, UN Ambassador Yehuda Blum stopped short of saying that he had threatened to resign several weeks ago because of friction with the Ambassador to Washington, Ephraim Evron.

But he conceded that the presence of two ambassadors had "built-in difficulties." Still, the situation had shown improvement, he said. "Relations between the mission and the embassy are better than at any time during the past decade."

Blum's predecessor, Chaim Herzog, was known to be on uneasy terms with his Washington colleague, Simha Dinitz. Before them, Yosef Tekoah at the UN and Yitzhak Rabin at the embassy, were reportedly not on speaking terms.

While the ambassador to Washington is accredited to the U.S. government and the envoy in New York to the UN, both serve as unofficial emissaries to the Jewish community in the U.S. often developing overlapping constituencies.

Quarrel leaves Haifa rubbish bins full

HAIFA (Item). — The city's garbage collection came to an abrupt halt on Friday when garbage truck drivers, enraged over the arrest of one of their colleagues, refused to operate their vehicles.

They said that they would return to work only after the driver, whom some of the truckers had taken to a municipal garage supervisor's

was released.

The drivers claimed the police had no right to interfere in an internal "work quarrel," apparently the result of a disagreement about the repair of the brakes on the detainee's truck.

The man was released at noon and the drivers announced their intention to resume normal work this morning.

Fired guard shoots two, kills self

NES ZIONA (Item). — A man fired last week from his job as a security guard at a factory here ran amok on Friday, wounding his replacement and the plant's personnel manager with pistol shots and then killing himself.

Hezi Issachar, 50, of Moshav Ushiot, had also been going through severe personal problems, neighbours said, and had been distressed by the OrLite firm's demand that he work on Saturdays.

Residents whose apartments overlook the entrance to the factory said that Issachar arrived at 9 a.m. and began arguing with Avraham Zarfat, 49, who was on duty. Bezalel Weinshtal, 47, arrived shortly afterwards and the shooting began. All three men soon lay bleeding on the floor of the guard-room.

The two wounded men were rushed to hospital and underwent operations. Residents of the factory area and

Issachar's neighbours on the moshav were shocked by the shooting by a man whom they said was warm, active in the community, and an honest, hard worker. He was the father of four children.

Financial hardship had forced him to begin working on Saturdays, they said, but he felt guilty, and when a tora scroll was recently stolen from a local synagogue, he took it as a sign that he should stop. The firing last Sunday was the "straw that broke the camel's back," neighbours surmised.

SMUGGLERS. — Six North Sinai residents were stopped near the Israel-Egypt temporary border by security forces on Thursday, carrying goods worth IL250,000. Investigators think the goods, which included Israeli beer, 20 sacks of tea, and bolts of cloth, were to be smuggled into the area handed back to Egypt. The men were released on bail.

Hitchhiker steals driver's car, purse

HADERA (Item). — A 58-year-old Kfar Vitkin woman who gave a lift to a young man in IDF uniform on Thursday night was robbed by him of both car and purse. The man, who was armed with a sub-machinegun, left her and a neighbour at the side of the road to find their way home.

Miriam Berlowitz was driving from Haifa to Kfar Vitkin and picked up the man at the Checkpost junction just outside the city, at 10:30 p.m. She then stopped at Haifa's main bus station to pick up a neighbour from Kfar Vitkin, a man of 70 who sat in the seat next to the driver.

As they were passing Atlit, the uniformed man in the back seat pointed his gun at the driver's shoulder and ordered her and her neighbour out of the vehicle. He also told the woman to leave her purse behind, and forced her to start the car when he had difficulty in doing so, Berlowitz told police.

Second aid team ready for Kampuchea

A second medical team, organized by the Health Ministry and the IDF, will leave for Thailand on Wednesday to take over from the first team sent out to care for Kampuchean refugees.

The team consists of six doctors, including one woman, and four medics. Heading the group is Dr. Moshe Revah.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REPORT

Prices fall as flight to foreign currency continues

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Uncertainties arising from the economic measures announced by new Finance Minister Hurvitz resulted in a jittery atmosphere last week that expressed itself in an erratic market performance.

The week's activity on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange began with massive demands for index-linked bonds and sharply rising prices. The upward price trend continued for another two sessions. On Wednesday the tide turned and only strong intervention by the Bank of Israel prevented a diametrically opposite move.

On Thursday the prices of both index-linked bonds and shares took a severe beating as a nervous public dumped blocks of securities onto the market with little apparent concern for the prices they would fetch.

In the index-linked bond market the Bank of Israel's policy was to intervene, but only at levels which were lower by 2-2.5 per cent.

The massive force of selling was responsible for the establishing of a new all-time record high turnover in index-linked bonds at IL40m. During the session the central bank absorbed some IL10m. of the bonds on offer.

Concurrently, trading conditions on the share market were equally hectic. Losses of five per cent were very common while many issues fell

by 10 per cent. Approximately 40 issues could not be traded at all as the management of the exchange registered them as "sellers only." The level of general confidence is currently at its lowest ebb as emotional reactions to rumours concerning the future of the economy and the possibility of new measures create doubts as to the validity of retaining funds in shares or index-linked bonds.

A goodly portion of the cash realized from the sales of securities is flowing into the foreign currency market. As a result, by the time the week's activities were over the value of the lira had depreciated by some 2.75 per cent in relation to the dollar.

In spite of general concern that the Bank of Israel will cease its activities of intervention on the index-linked bond market, *The Jerusalem Post* has been advised by Sam Bronfeld, in charge of open market activities for the Bank of Israel, that there is no change in the central bank's policy.

The one bright spot in the share market was the continued rise in the prices of the shares of the country's commercial banks. The Hapoalim shares led the group with a gain of 2.8 per cent.

All other sectors however, suffered sharp reversals. Among insurance shares, Aryeh was hit with a 18.4 per cent loss. The Securitas options fell by no less than one-third of their value.

WALL STREET WEEK

Slow growth helps market

NEW YORK (AP). — It may evoke images of Ebenezer Scrooge, but many Wall Streeters have been encouraged by signs of a slowing U.S. economy going into the holiday season.

In the late summer and early fall, U.S. government statistics issued in the past week showed, business activity was much stronger than had been expected.

The Gross National Product grew at a 3.5 per cent annual rate, after adjustment for inflation, in the third quarter. Corporate profits jumped 6.2 per cent in the July-September period.

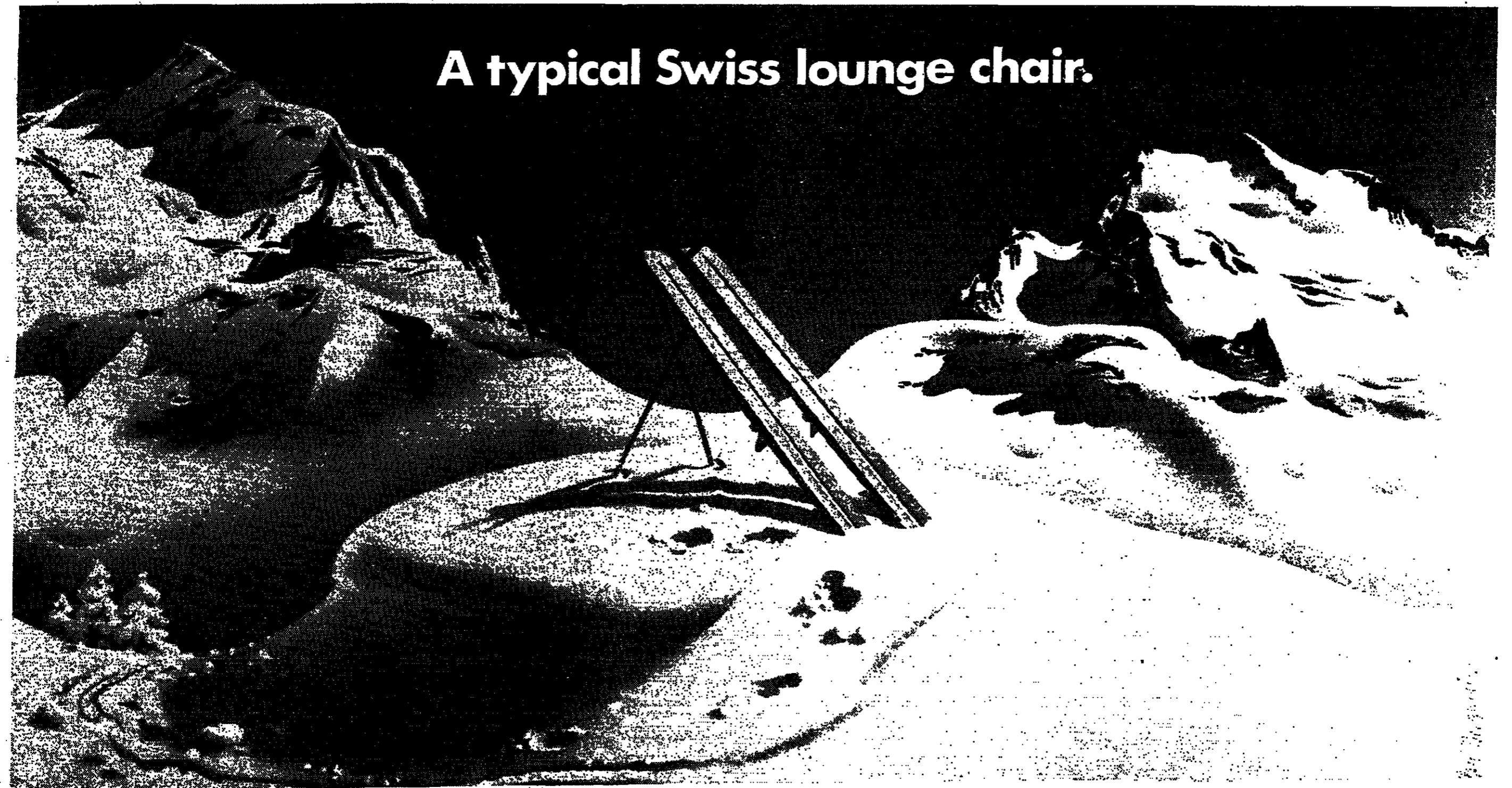
But since then, the available evidence suggests that the economy has been lapsing back into the sluggish trend it displayed in the second quarter. Figures on new

durable goods orders for October, for example, showed a 4.2 per cent drop.

Indeed, many analysts credit the recent signs of slackening business activity with helping to prop up the market in the midst of the diplomatic and financial confrontation between the U.S. and Iran.

In the past week the Dow Jones Average of 30 industrials slipped 3.93 to 811.77, but staged another successful stand at the 800 level, which many analysts regard as a decisive point for the future course of stock prices.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 35 to 89.86, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 5.08 at 223.14. Big Board volume averaged 32.13 million shares a day, against 29.85 million the week before.



A typical Swiss lounge chair.

In spite of its simple construction, (the illustration is quite sufficient as do-it-yourself instruction) this Swiss lounge chair has an easily adjustable angle and even a built-in spring suspension. It can be arranged to form sociable circles or it can be set in remote spots. (So remote that you see only mountain peaks, glaciers and the azure vault of heaven.) And for a piece of furniture, it has a unique feature: moving it is not only no problem at all; it's pure delight.

Strapped to your feet it carries you on wide ski runs over gentle or steep slopes, it lets

you float over bumps and even fly for a while if you wish. All this, over many kilometers of well-marked descents.

Far down in the valley other Swiss chairs await you: carved rustic chairs in cozy restaurants, stools in plush bars, fur covered benches in horse-drawn sleighs, deck chairs by indoor pools and fast seats in bob sleds.

The times when winter sports meant only skiing are long gone in Switzerland. And so is the time when winter sports meant paying a lot of money. The Fantaski brochure, available at your travel agency or from

Swissair (which is, by the way, the official representative of the Swiss National Tourist Office in Israel), illustrates this point with many advantageous all-inclusive offers.

Incidentally, you can relax already in Tel Aviv in a wide, comfortable Swiss easy chair: in the Swissair DC-10-30, which flies you to Switzerland in four hours and where economy class has in each row only eight instead of nine seats.



Hostages end 3rd week in U.S. embassy
Khomeini expected to set date for 'spy' trial

TEHRAN. — Moslem students occupying the U.S. embassy here said last night that Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini would personally set the date for the planned espionage trial of their American hostages.

As the hostages, believed to number 48, completed their third week in captivity inside the embassy compound, a student leader told Reuters by telephone from the embassy that they would be tried, but that no date had been fixed.

The imam (ayatollah) himself will decide on the date, he said, adding that events since the seizure of the embassy on November 4 had moved so fast that the students had had no time to discuss the date and the venue of the trial.

Gromyko urges restraint in Teheran

BOON. — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko urged the U.S. and Iran to display restraint in the crisis surrounding the occupation of the U.S. Embassy in Teheran.



Francis McGill (left), leaves court in Dublin on Friday after being acquitted on charges of murdering Lord Mountbatten. (UPI wirephoto)

IRA trial: One gets life, one freed

DUBLIN (AP). — Irish Republican Army terrorist Thomas McMahon, 31, was sentenced to jail for life by an anti-terrorist, no-jury court here on Friday for assassinating Lord Louis Mountbatten, a cousin of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, in the Irish Republic three months ago.

Another defendant, 24-year-old Francis McGill, was found not guilty of the slaying. But the three judges at the special criminal court ordered him to stand trial January 21 on charges of belonging to the outlawed IRA's "Provisional" wing. He was freed on bail.

Turin terrorists attack police car

TURIN (Reuters). — Urban terrorists attacked an armoured police car yesterday outside a court where the founders of the Red Brigade terrorist group are to go on trial next week but caused only slight damage, police said.

Iranian leader dashes hopes for peace with rebel Kurds

TEHRAN (AP). — Iran's No. 2 religious and political leader lashed out Friday against Kurdish leaders in a startling departure from last week's peace offer to the autonomy-seeking minority by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Montazeri branded Abdul Rahman Qasbi, the president of the Kurdish Democratic Party that spearheaded the Kurdish rebellion, "an evil man supported by the U.S. and leftist guerrillas."

Merle Oberon succumbs to stroke

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Merle Oberon, whose classical beauty helped sustain her career as a vulnerable yet mysterious character on the screen, died on Friday at Cedars Sinai Medical Centre.

U.S. embassy staffers back from Pakistan after attack

WASHINGTON (AP). — Some 380 Americans arrived here from Pakistan on Friday night, ordered home by the State Department after the Moslem attack on the U.S. embassy at Islamabad two days ago.

Ceausescu still party chief despite attacks by colleagues

BUCHAREST (Reuters). — President Nicolae Ceausescu has been re-elected chief of Rumania's Communist Party, despite an unprecedented attack on his leadership from the floor of the party congress.



Nicolae Ceausescu

39 dead in Colombian quake

BOGOTA (AP). — A powerful earthquake that shook the mountain cities and towns of western Colombia on Friday night killed at least 39 persons, injured more than 600 and toppled scores of buildings, authorities reported.

Expert predicts attacks on N-plants

LONDON (Reuters). — Guerrilla bomb attacks on nuclear power plants can be expected in the 1980s, according to a British expert's study of international terrorism.

ONE DAY PROTEST STRIKE BY THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1979

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL will strike against the economic policy of the government, which produces galloping rises in prices, seriously endangers the subsistence of the worker, and demolishes the family budget.

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL will strike against a policy which will lead to recession and unemployment, and will strangle industry and agriculture.

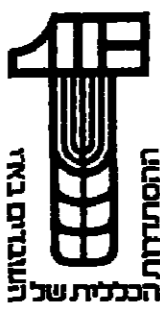
THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL will protest the economic policy of the government, which undermines the ability of the underprivileged sections to support themselves, and widens the gap between the affluent and the mass of the people.

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL demand that the government reduce inflation, declare war on black capital, renew growth in the economy, and so ensure full employment.

THE WORKERS OF ISRAEL demand an immediate check to the price rises, realistic compensation for the rise in the cost of living, more complete tax collection from the affluent and those who conceal income, and the provision of housing for young couples; that it prevent the health and nursing services from collapsing, protect pensioners and the recipients of social benefits, and all other sections in need of such protection.

The workers of Israel reject outright the unilateral steps taken by the government, and vigorously oppose the Minister of Finance's proposal to freeze wage agreements until 1981.

PROTEST MEETING of representatives of workers' committees and places of work on the day of the strike (Tuesday) opposite the Knesset, Jerusalem, at 11 a.m.



HISTADRUT General Federation of Labour in Israel The Executive

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Bottle opener fails to hijack Japanese plane

TOKYO (AP). — The pilot of a Japan Air Lines DC-10 wrested a bottle opener and a small plastic knife from a lone hijacker on Friday, thwarting his attempt to force the plane to fly to the Soviet Union.

Pope speaks out on workers' behalf

VATICAN CITY (Reuters). — Pope John Paul appealed to industrialists and business managers yesterday to overcome "egotistical temptations" and listen more attentively to their workers.

Arafat said engaged

KUWAIT (Reuters). — The Kuwaiti newspaper "Al-Rai al-Aam" said yesterday that Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, was engaged to a Palestinian girl whose name was kept secret.

Advertisement for 'THE PERFECT TRIO' featuring a large graphic of a newspaper and text promoting an advertisement service.

Focus

'Slave trade' crackdown

By JOHN DORNBERG / Munich

Algaeu mountains began noticing large numbers of empty taxicabs arriving from Austria at oddly early morning hours. Most of the cabs had Munich license plates.

"At first," said the official, "we couldn't figure out what was going on. Numerous cabs would start arriving as early as 4 and 5 a.m. They carried no passengers, and considering the location of some of these crossings, they seemed to be coming from nowhere and going nowhere."

MEANWHILE authorities have discovered that the cabs are the vital links in a slave trade that operates from Pakistan via Italy and Austria to West Germany. With glowing promises of jobs and legal work permits, hundreds of Pakistanis each week are flown to secret staging camps and cheap hotels in and around Milan.

They arrive on charter flights and since they carry valid Pakistani passports, there is no problem getting them into Italy in the guise of tourists. From Milan they are then sent by train in groups of up to nine men to Bolzano, in Italy's South Tyrol where the Munich cabs are already waiting for them at the railroad station.

Just before reaching the customs control zone, the Pakistanis get out of the cabs, which cross the border empty, and are led by a guide on

trails through the woods and fields across the unguarded frontier, far enough into Austria, and out of sight of border police, to the taxicabs which, by then, are waiting for them.

The same ruse is used to cross the passes and frontier between Austria and Bavaria.

"The human freight," the official explained, "is then driven to Munich, put on trains and shipped to 'employment agencies' further north in Germany, which specialize in supplying illegal workers and moonlighters."

Authorities estimate that there are some 250,000 illegal workers in West Germany. They are mostly from Turkey, Yugoslavia, North Africa and Pakistan, all without entry visas, residence permits and working papers.

EARLIER this month, according to official sources in Munich, some 200 Pakistani men were waiting in Milan for illegal transport to West Germany. When they are caught, they are either sent back to Austria, from where they are returned to an uncertain future in Italy, or flown directly back to Pakistan at West German government expense.

To make the trip to Germany, the majority have scraped together their families' savings and have been led, by unscrupulous modern slave traders, into thinking that they

will get jobs legally.

The only winners in the operation are those who run the illegal trade, the cab drivers, the "placement agencies," and the companies that hire the workers at wage scales well below the hourly minimum. One cabbie, caught the other day with three Pakistani passengers near Fribourg, Bavaria, said he had been paid \$500 for the run. He refused to say how many previous trips he had made.

But the biggest profits by far are made by the "placement agencies" and middlemen. Police stumbled on one — a contractor in Munich — by accident the other day when some of the workers on his team got into a fistfight near the Munich railway station. It turned out that within a three-month period he had "rented" 120 Pakistani labourers to various construction and building companies in Munich at the equivalent of \$12.25 per hour per man.

The Pakistanis themselves got only a fraction of the amount, usually around \$2, barely enough to subsist in fleabag hotels, dormitories for itinerants or building-site barracks.

The living conditions are abominable. In addition to their keep they must pay off the cost of their transport from Pakistan to the various operators involved.

The contractor who hired them out, according to Munich authorities, made a net profit of \$400,000 on the operation within three months.

"The foreign workers," said a Bavarian interior ministry official, "are the victims. If they rebel against the conditions, police are tipped off as to their whereabouts and they are deported. So, they keep quiet, though I doubt that what they're paid in the end is any more than they got at home."

South Korean officials have stepped up their patrols, they say that what they have uncovered thus far is "merely the tip of the iceberg."

Rebellion in a sweet factory

By DONALD KIRK / Seoul



Kim Young Sam (Camera Press)

FOR THE PAST four months, 100 girls in the Hai Tai Candy Company, in a light industrial district on the edge of Seoul, have been demanding a 48-hour working week instead of the 72 hours they often endure.

They say they have been threatened, shoved and beaten, and their families in the country have received intimidating letters and even visits from company officials.

Twenty braver girls at the same factory do work a 48-hour week. They simply down tools when the time is up.

"The company cannot fire them because the law says 48 hours is the standard," says the Rev. Cho Chi Sung, head of a branch of the Methodist-sponsored Urban Industrial Mission, which offers aid and counselling to the girls and other workers in the district. "But the company, the government and the unions cooperate, so most of the workers obey."

The dilemma of the girls in the candy company — profiting mainly from exporting the pretty bon-bons that decorate the coffee tables of the Western world — typifies that of South Korean workers victimized in the drive for economic success.

Despite an annual inflation rate approaching 40 per cent, wages are going up by only 17 per cent in a period of rising unemployment and social unrest.

"Many small and medium-sized companies are firing workers," says Cho. "Many companies are already closed."

CHO, LIKE MANY others since the assassination of President Park Chung-hee last month, views an outbreak of strikes and riots as almost inevitable if attempts are not made to meet workers' increasingly strident demands.

South Korea's more outspoken political critics say the riots in the industrial port cities of Pusan and Masan would have spread to other cities but for Park's death and the imposition of martial law. Religious dissidents optimistically predict a softer approach on the part of Park's successors as they seek to win back the good will lost in Park's years of suppression.

Cho, for instance, believes the government may soon release a clergyman who was jailed on charges of having encouraged a hunger strike by some 500 workers. One of the workers was killed when she "fell" from a fourth-floor window of the headquarters of the opposition New Democratic Party while police were breaking up a demonstration there.

If the government does not release his colleague, Cho adds ominously, "there will be some kind of a problem."

THAT KIND of vaguely worded threat or prediction embodies a common strand of thought that opposition forces can somehow win power through elections or even by force.

The leader of the New Democratic Party, Kim Young Sam, has emerged as a forceful spokesman for a wide range of critics, ranging from

death. They stated repeatedly that they will accept nothing less than revision of the constitution as soon as possible, followed by a popular election.

KIM YOUNG SAM has warned of "more uprisings" before the "unification council" meets, and some of Park's other opponents are speaking in even stronger terms. Two of the most outspoken are Yun Po Sun and Kim Dae Jung, who have formed the "People's Alliance for Democracy and National Unification" and, in their first statement, referred to the Pusan and Masan riots and accused the government of "betraying the Korean people's desire to see democracy again in this country."

All three have records that indicate their confidence in their popularity is not misplaced. Yun Po Sun, 82, resigned as president shortly after Park seized power in 1981, then ran against him in 1963 and lost by a close vote.

Kim Dae Jung won 46 per cent of the votes in the last popular presidential election in 1971 and was enough of a menace for Park's agents to engineer his kidnapping from his hotel room in Tokyo in the middle of a speaking tour. Spirited back to Seoul, he has spent nearly three years in prison or under guard in a hospital and was again placed under house arrest a month before Park's death.

As for Kim Young Sam, he was so critical of the regime that Park ordered his expulsion from the national assembly in October. His party colleagues in the assembly resigned in protest but have decided to return in an effort to preserve at least the appearance of democracy.

KIM YOUNG SAM's party would, in fact, control the assembly were it not for the power that Park exercised under the yushin constitution to appoint one-third of the members.

The party's candidates, much to Park's alarm, polled slightly more votes than did the candidates of his own party in the last assembly elections 11 months ago.

"The peaceful transition of power is necessary for the good of the country," he says. "The government should prepare for a transition which will prevent chaos. We have learned in the history of Korean politics that one man should not rule the country too long and a ruler should not be dictatorial."

Despite scepticism about political promises, activists like Cho view Kim Young Sam or Kim Dae Jung as their best hope. "They are concerned with the working classes," says Cho, "even though they try to use workers to win votes." If the New Democratic Party is not given the chance to gain power by lawful means, says one of its assembly members, "you can expect demonstrations even under martial law." Only now, says Park's old-time foe, workers would join students in a revolt that could rip apart the ruling structure that Park established and nurtured for 18 years.

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Wooing old enemies

By PETER RISTIO / Belgrade

ed unless the Chinese return with their blueprints.

That return seems more likely as the result of a recent speech by Albania's leader, Enver Hoxha, who said Albania wanted trade relations with almost every country apart from the two Superpowers. China was not on Hoxha's blacklist.

The speech was notable for allaying any fears that Albania was about to fall into the embrace of the Soviet Union, its benefactor before the Chinese. Albania had no intention of joining — ever — the capitalists or the Soviets, Hoxha said.

THE SPEECH was a marked contrast to Hoxha's recently published 2,000-page China political diary. Rushed out to the world's press immediately before Hoxha's European visit, this "historical" work nails

China to the ideological cross.

So, if Hoxha is wooing China, why did he publish the hostile diary? The answer seems to be that he is applying a little ideological blackmail.

Albania's ambassador to Peking warned earlier this month that more "documentary" evidence about the Sino-Albanian split was available. The message was: re-establish trade relations and the embarrassing documents will never see the light of day.

China's improvement of relations with the U.S. has been seen as one of the reasons for the break. Now, the Albanians appear to be doing an about-turn on the issue.

Recently, American students of Albanian origin, were invited to Tirana, the phenomenon that was once beyond the wildest imagina-

tion. Perhaps even more spectacular, U.S. traders at the recent Leipzig Fair were told by the Albanians that, while they were not able to trade with U.S. companies directly, they could do business with their European subsidiaries.

Albania is also doing an about-turn on relations with Yugoslavia. China's warning to the Yugoslavians contributed to the Sino-Albanian break, but now Tirana and Belgrade are making friends.

Trade between the two countries is rocketing and is expected to reach \$80m. by next year, making Yugoslavia Tirana's most important trading partner.

Apart from the need for trade and spare parts, there are probably other imperatives driving the Stalinist Hoxha towards his new goals. Not least of these is the possibility of dissent in Albania.

An East European diplomatic source recently reported new expressions of dissent and opposition to the iron rule of Hoxha in Albania, hardly surprising in a country with one of the world's worst records on human rights. (Oms)

NORMALLY, it is that time of year when West German customs agents and border policemen posted at the frontiers between Bavaria and Austria relax and take their vacations. The summer tourist season is over, and the winter skiing one has yet to start.

But things are different. Not only have all vacation schedules been cancelled and officers already off duty been called back, but their contingents have also been strengthened thanks to what Bavaria's ministry of the interior describes as the latest wrinkle in a modern version of "slave trade": smuggling Pakistani workers into the country.

Any similarity to what happens on the U.S. border with Mexico, however, is purely coincidental, unless there, too, human beings are sluiced across the frontiers by organized gangs of taxi drivers.

"It's the cleverest operation I've ever heard of," said one Bavarian frontier official. "The tragedy of it, however, is the ruthless exploitation to which the Pakistanis are subjected when they do make it into the country. Without labour permits and entry permits, they are forced into working illegally at near-starvation wages."

Until recently the most popular conduit for bringing illegal Pakistani workers into West Germany was through the famous Checkpoint Charlie at the wall between East and West Berlin.

"Four operators" would bring plane-loads of Pakistanis from Karachi to Communist East Berlin, spirit them as "tourists" to the Western sectors of the city, fly them from there to West Germany for hiring out — largely to construction companies — by illegal, underground job placement services.

But earlier this year West Berlin authorities began cracking down. Then, several weeks ago, customs and passport control agents at rarely used frontier posts in Bavaria's

ALBANIA'S economic crisis appears to be forcing the country back into the arms of the Chinese, who severed all trade and aid relations with the Albanians more than a year ago. The ideology-drunk Albanians were thus deprived of the market for more than half their exports — not to mention all foreign experts and aid.

The break, perhaps precipitated by the pushing of pro-Chinese officials in Albania and China's improvement of relations with the U.S., was a severe blow to Albania.

It forced this most insular of nations to seek new trading partners and to end a generation of isolationism.

But experts believe that, far more important than the loss of the Chinese market, was the loss of access to spare parts for Chinese-made machinery.

More than half the machinery in Albania is made in China. The shortage of spares may have forced some factories to close and others to reduce output. In addition, vast Chinese aid projects have remained incomplete and may never be finish-

Cleaning up after Somoza

By PETER DEEBLEY / Managua

THE 22-year-old Sandinista lieutenant — bearded, benign and with a strong American accent — wanted to know why I had chosen to come to Nicaragua. I had been stopped at the airport immigration desk on arrival and taken to his office for a friendly, but probing, 30-minute interrogation.

When I explained that I had been in the country during the revolution last July, that I had interviewed the fallen President Somoza, and had been acquainted with some of the now hated and vanquished National Guard, his interest quickened. Who were my friends here? Where was I planning to go? What kind of article was I intending to write?

The revolver at his waist and the automatic rifle by his side were not, I am sure, intended as intimidation. Like the dentist before he takes out your teeth, he could not have been more courteous.

When, finally he said that everything was in order and I could enter the country, I asked him if this often happened to visiting journalists and whether it meant there was press censorship in Nicaragua.

"We like to discover their interests, but there is no press censorship. That all disappeared with the old regime," he replied.

Changing my luck, I fired a final probing question: "But you have been having some trouble with the international press?" It was a reference to an attack by the Inter American Press Association on the Sandinista government's new law insisting that reporting must show a "positive attitude" towards the social revolution.

"That's mainly the Americans," he said. "Some of them are trying to tell us where to get off. But they won't succeed."

IT WAS an episode which illustrated the new government's extreme sensitivity to outside criticism — an unnecessary sensitivity because, although there are clearly many things still wrong with Nicaragua, the new regime has, after all, inherited a terrible burden of debt, economic disorder, physical destruc-

tion and social division.

In fact, it has much to be proud of in the practical achievements: The airport, which was in a state of chaos when I left in July, appeared to be functioning smoothly. The road into the capital, Managua, had been largely rutted dirt track, with barricades everywhere and immense holes to prevent Somoza's troops entering the city. Now it was as smooth and free-flowing as any main highway.

The factories, which had been gutted and twisted by the war, were at least tidied up, although many were still unused.

Traffic lights were working again, once-looted supermarkets were packed with shoppers and Chinese, Mexican and French restaurants were opening to evening diners. The cinemas were screening tales about the life of Howard Hughes and the Sandinistas' war of the people.

But these were simply the superficial impressions of a nation clearing up after the mess. Economically, Nicaragua is still in terrible shape, as the very name of the new administration — the Government of National Reconstruction — implies.

When the Sandinistas took over, they found just \$2.5m. in the vaults of the central bank. Somoza and his cohorts had taken the rest. The nation owes \$800m. in past debts and needs a further \$800m. to get its trade and industry going again.

The international community has responded by donating some \$50m. in cash and in food supplies. In addition, loans totalling \$425m. have been negotiated — more than half from the U.S. Even so, as my airport experience indicated, there is a strong tendency to bite the helping American hand.

In some ways that is understandable: the US kept Somoza in power for many years and must, therefore, accept much of the moral responsibility for the state of the country today. Nicaragua draws much political support from Cuba, which has sent hundreds of teachers and doctors here to do unpaid work among the poor. Six hundred Nicaraguan children are now being

educated in Cuba as guests of Fidel Castro's regime.

AMERICA CANNOT be happy at the swing to the left in Nicaragua. But all it can do is make sure that it is in the hope that good will avert the rise of a "Cuba" on the Latin American isthmus.

However, when members of the Sandinista junta make less than veiled references to "Yanqui imperialism," America may draw some comfort from the fact that such rhetoric is in part designed to keep the ultra-leftists happy.

The political revolution actually seems to be moving towards some kind of democratic socialism rather than totalitarianism of the left, and a mixed economy appears to be in the government's mind.

There is clearly a strong bias towards nationalization — the government is acquiring large tracts of coffee-growing land, it has taken over three gold mines once owned by Canadian companies and has expropriated all businesses that had any links with Somoza. Yet it is allowing private enterprise to continue.

At the same time, the government is attempting to freeze the prices of basic foods and has put a ceiling on public service salaries. Senior ministers' salaries are frozen at \$1,000 a month, but the wages of unskilled manual workers have been boosted.

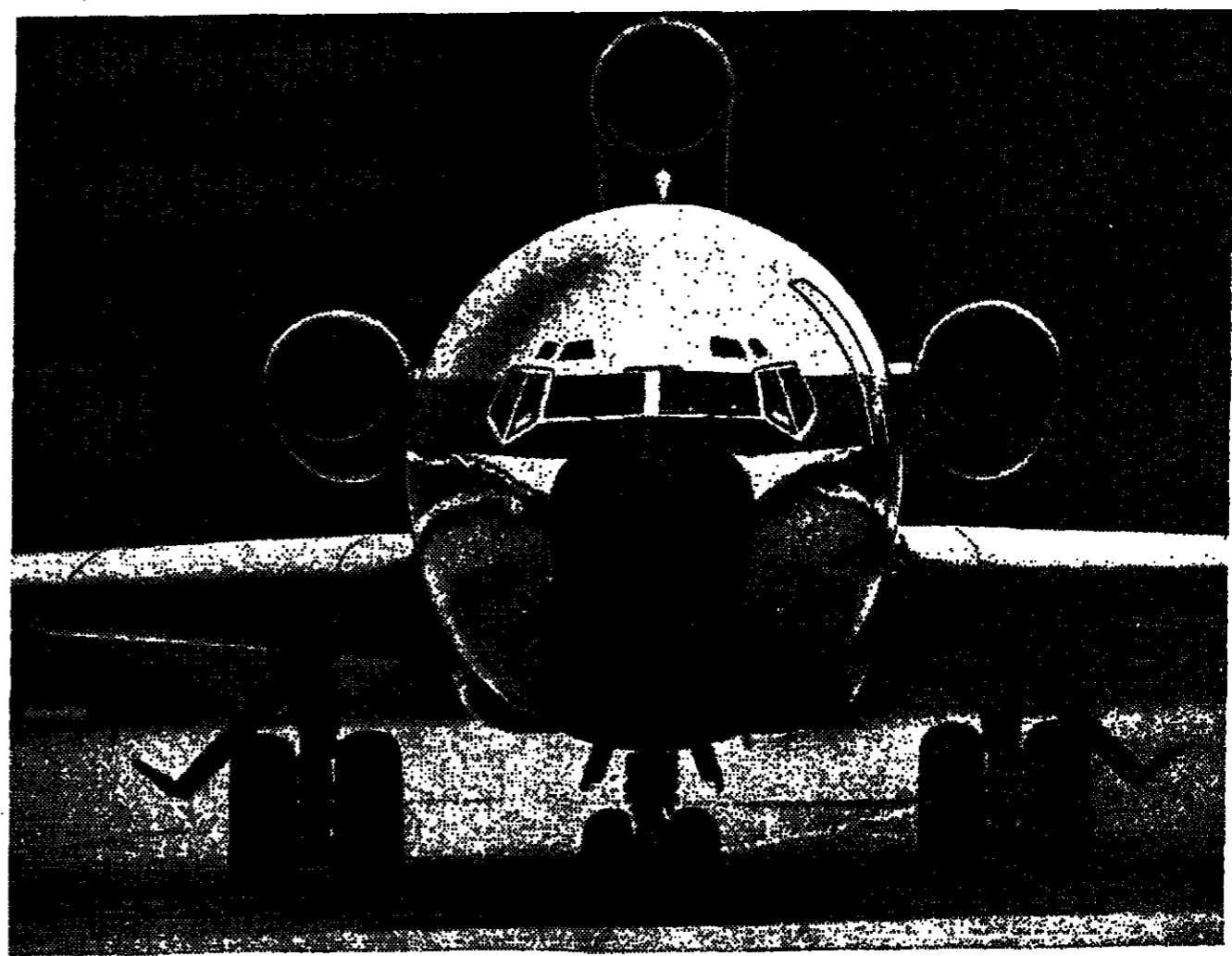
A priority has been placed on education. The government-run radio puts out a daily bulletin explaining "the importance of education in the revolution." All older school students are giving up their free time to carry out a population census.

And next year, all high schools and universities will close for six months while the students go out into the country to teach the illiterate.

Now that the delirium of victory has worn off, Nicaraguans realize that only hard work and a common cause will get them back on their feet.

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Garden of Eden

By Deborah Lewin. Photos by Judy and Kenny.



A renovated bathroom in North Tel Aviv. To make the room larger, a piece of the balcony was enclosed with a window, and a bit of the kitchen was added to make an alcove. The toilet was moved from its place near the tub to the new alcove. A second basin was installed in the place where the toilet had been.

THE EGYPTIANS and the Indians bathed in rivers; the Japanese and the Turks used bathtubs; Jewish men dipped into ritual baths and the women took baths on the rooftops — as in the famous story of David and Bathsheba. And the French — anointed themselves with perfume. Every nation had its own bathing habits.

As technology advanced and developed, the bathroom got smaller. In modern building, most bathrooms are planned for both comfort and efficiency. The argument is that because the resident spends only a small amount of time there, the bathroom should take up only a little bit of space.

The typical bathroom in an Israeli apartment block (and also in the new neighbourhoods in large cities abroad) is basically a small room that contains a bathtub, sink and laundry hamper. On a higher building standard, it also has a shower and an additional toilet that is separate. In luxury apartments, there is also a bidet.

But recent changes and the increase in the standard of living have forced a change in the spartan attitude in planning the bathroom, which was once meant only for cleanliness.

More people are now willing to accept the old view that the bathroom is meant to be a place for pleasure as well.

This article is meant to suggest ways to improve and "enlarge" your ordinary bathroom.

Colours: The fashion for dark colours in the bathroom is old hat. There is a return to lighter colours, and white is again becoming popular. Decoration is accomplished by using coloured tiles on the top line, using flowers or art deco. Art lovers can draw designs on their tiles (see photos). The lighter coloured fixtures and tiles can make the room seem larger.

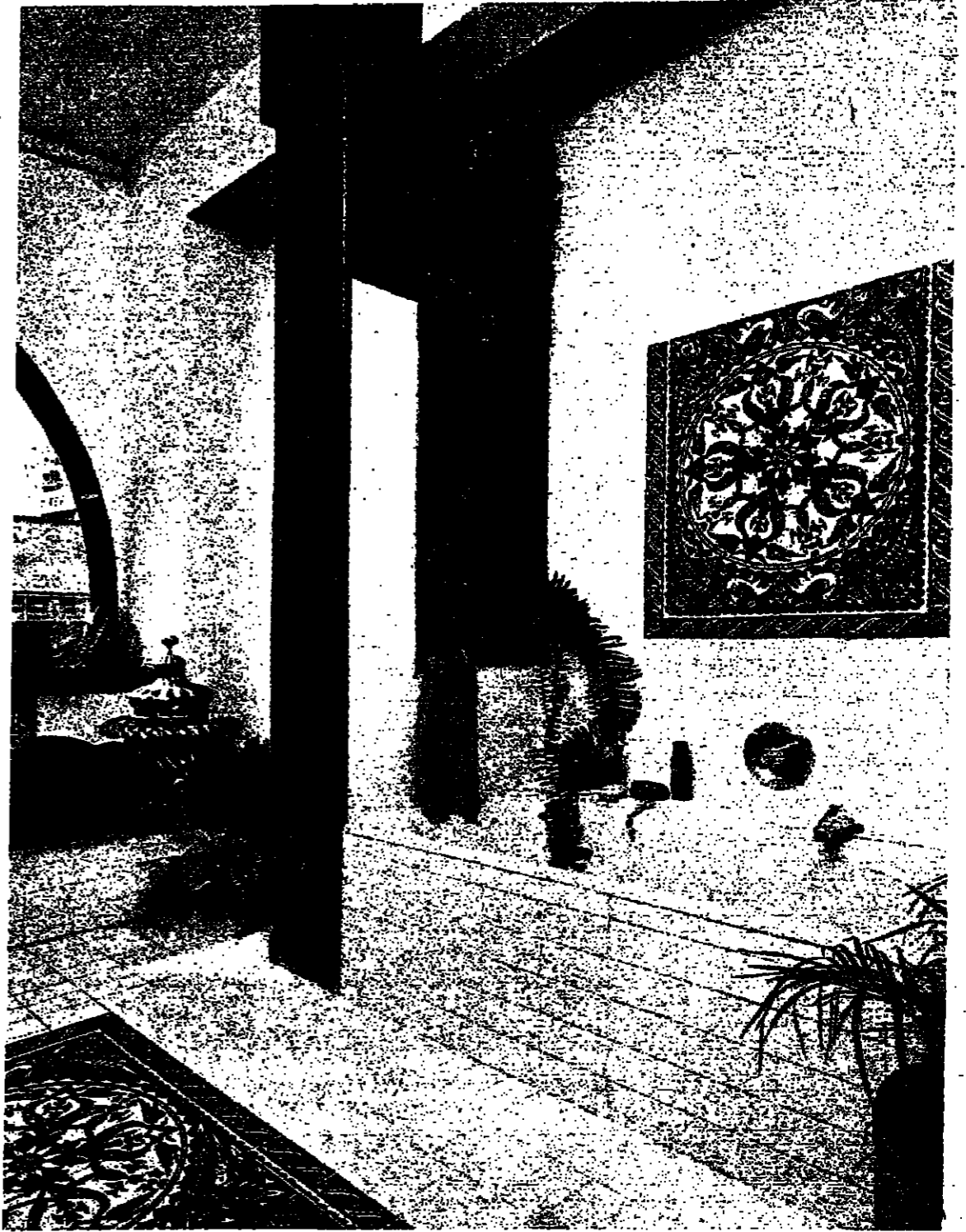
Spots of colour can be achieved by using coloured accessories: towels, mats, curtains and shelves.

Mirrors: large mirrors "enlarge" the bathroom. It's preferable to choose good quality mirrors and to install them at eye level.

Lighting: in order to banish the shadows, it is best to light up the room, by means of artificial light from a number of sources.

Storage: we found, through experience, that towels can be stored — without fear of their being spoiled by dampness — in the bathroom. Adequate shelving at least 20 cms deep is good for storage. A good place for this is above and beneath the sink.

Plants grow well in the "tropical" atmosphere of the bathroom. You can turn it into your own little Garden of Eden. Miniature palms are nice, and all kinds of plants can be hung from the ceiling. Then — sit back and enjoy.



An Armenian ceramic "picture" was placed over the tub and the same motif was repeated on the floor, giving the impression of a colourful carpet. Note the ceramic design repeated too behind the windowseat for luxurious lounging. Architecture by Ruth Spitzer.

A long way from the outhouse

Judy Siegel investigates the latest in two-tone sinks, marble faucets and plexiglass toilet seats.

FOR ISRAELIS, toilets, bathtubs and sinks are very much like TV sets: if you're going to spend (a lot of) money on a new one, you may as well buy colour.

Even though white fixtures cost about 30 to 50 per cent less than pastels, in most plumbing equipment stores they are as rare as outhouses in Rehavia. Coloured fixtures simply look nicer and "more fashionable" than the stark white ones. Another reason why they predominate in the shops is that if you buy a ceramic basin, you "have to" buy a new toilet and tub to match or it'll look odd. After redecorating your bathroom, you may find that you have spent as much as it cost to buy a whole flat not too many years ago.

I went to the "Tahana Hamercasi" — a plumbing supply and kitchen cabinet outlet in Jerusalem's Romema quarter. Cleverly named that way because of its proximity to the real "tahana hamercasi" — (central bus station). The well-equipped, neat store is owned and operated by Pinchas ("Pinky") Tusk, who came on aliyah from Brooklyn four years ago after dropping Master's courses in chemistry to work as a salesman. Ritual fringes peek out of Pinky's jeans and he wears a kippa.

Although business is somewhat slower now than it was earlier in the year, the threatening recession is not likely to have a deadly effect on the plumbing fixture business. In fact, says Pinky, it may even help. "People don't have the money to buy a new apartment, so in the meantime they invest in fixtures to redecorate their bathrooms in the hope that they'll increase the value of their flat when they do sell it."

Contrary to popular opinion, those who re-do their bathrooms aren't primarily dentists, building contractors and stall owners in Mahane Yehuda. "They come from all kinds of backgrounds and professions," says the store owner. And customers do compare prices and try to bargain. A South African immigrant accountant and his wife who have been saving for a white, cast-iron bathtub for a year left the store to look for a better price after being told that it was a mission impossible to find one nowadays for less than IL3,000.

On a careful survey of the display room I found that most things for sale are Italian, French or otherwise European rather than "Blue and White." Pinky asserts that Israeli bathroom fixtures don't last as long, aren't styled as well and don't come



in as many colours. "From my own experience I know. We bought a new Israeli bathtub after coming on aliyah, and after six months it was impossible to get it clean." Cast-iron and steel bathtubs aren't even made here any more, says Pinky, only plastic and fibreglass ones, and he doesn't sell them. But some plain wall tiles and good-looking faucets made here are on sale in his shop. First, the wall tiles. Pinky sells 2,000 different designs, most from Italy. Some he hasn't sold since he opened the shop a year ago, but he keeps them on display "to offer the customer a wide range of choices." Israeli tiles sell for IL450-550 a square metre, while imported Italian ones go for IL650-8,500 a square metre. That doesn't include

installation, which costs from IL300 and up per square metre. There are 5,000 bathroom-tile manufacturers in Italy, according to the owner, and Israelis must pay 180-200 per cent customs duty on the products. You can buy a kitchen or bathroom sink faucet that works like the stick shift of a sports car, pouring forth hot or cold water with the flick of the wrist. Such a gadget, imported from France, costs about IL4,000. Then there is the Water Pic water filter, which keeps out particulate matter but not nasty chemicals, for IL1,000, and the Water Pic massaging shower head for IL1,100. There are fake-marble faucets made of plastic and a liquid-soap dispenser for those who don't like the usual cakes. Most people, says Pinky, buy

Israeli faucets, which are cheaper, but he likes to have the imported ones available as well.

STEEL bathtubs cost IL4,500-5,500 for colour models, but unlike the cast-iron ones (range IL1,000-14,500), they have to be specially insulated when installed, and they aren't hand-welded. For some reason, bathtubs are on very short supply in Israel because of shipping delays or production problems in Europe.

If you think that you can get away with buying only a new tub, you're mistaken. When a tub is installed, the tiles above it must be removed, and then the tiles above the bottom row get loose and wobbly. While you're at it, you may as well re-tile the whole wall. It's something like a

sweater when a single thread is pulled and the whole thing unravels.

Bathrooms also come in about eight styles at Pinky's. Again, most are imported because they're "prettier and last longer." Those that come with a ceramic stand are more expensive: ranging from IL4,000 to IL8,000. If you think you're in the latest fashion by owning a basin in peach or cocoa, you're wrong. The latest is a two-tone sink, with (for example) cream on the inside and mosaic on the outside.

And then, what can you say about toilets? Well, you can say it in powder blue, lemon yellow, cerise, tawny beige or lots of other colours. Most of them are shaped about the same — long and aerodynamically sleek. But you can be a bit different if you buy a toilet tank that flushes — like the ones in fancy hotels — by pulling a knob upwards instead of the pasted handle that's pushed downwards (no pull chains in sight at Pinky's). With tanks, a coloured toilet sets you back by IL6,000 to IL10,000; without the tank it costs IL2,800 to IL4,000.

The toilet seats are, of course, separate, and a large range is available, according to your taste. The most unusual is a transparent brown plexiglass, the same type of material that usually covers new stereo record players. Why anybody would want a see-through toilet cover-own seat is beyond me. If you don't like it, you can always cover the cover with leather or fake fur from another store.

Among the toilets are a few bidets. "I sell them, but I don't know exactly what they're for or how you use them," confesses Pinky, "but I'll shamefacedly." Mostly Europeans and South Americans buy them, "at a cost of IL2,500 to IL4,000 each."

If you've spent so much thus far, you might as well put in a new marble floor (I was afraid to ask the price) and get new decorator fixtures. Toilet-paper holders, toilet brushes and holders, facial tissue dispensers, mirrors (some can be equipped with six light bulbs on the sides so you feel like a movie star putting on makeup in the dressing room), toothbrush keepers, towel racks, shelves for matching cups, and a device that suspends a cake of soap in the air are all available in a variety of materials and colours. Completely refitted, your toilet will seem like a palace. You'll have yourself to blame if, after the redecoration, your husband will spend hours on end in there reading. He'll never want to come out.



Jennifer Arenstein visits a different kind of boutique

Beauty and the bath

NOEL BOUTIQUE is tucked away in Jerusalem's Rehavia, but it could be in Rome or London. The décor is carefully planned to be cozy, inviting. The walls and high ceiling are painted pink, the rattan shelves hold attractive displays of hand-picked items, most unavailable anywhere else in Israel.

A beautiful, hand-sewn patchwork quilt with pillows decorates a single bed near the window. More quilts are folded near by, other pillows are piled freely in a corner, some with "Holly-Hobby" prints, all with unique, colourful embroidery.

"We were impressed by the small, individualized shops we saw in Europe," says Elisheva and Noam Tsur, creators of the bathroom-kitchen-bedroom boutique. They

have succeeded in reproducing the effect at 38 Keren Kayemet St. Elisheva herself decorated the shop and designed much of the merchandise.

Elisheva was a film editor at TV House until she left recently to devote all her time to Noel. Noam is the "Master of Ceremonies" of "Noam's Ark," the children's television programme. They decided to devote all her time to Noel. Noam is the "Master of Ceremonies" of "Noam's Ark," the children's television programme. They decided to devote all her time to Noel. Noam is the "Master of Ceremonies" of "Noam's Ark," the children's television programme. They decided to devote all her time to Noel.

"We wanted something unique, something lacking in Israel," explains Noam. "Let's face it, most gift shops in Israel offer exactly the same merchandise, and it's thrown on the shelves as in a warehouse."

Noam's subsequent buying trip to England took him to the Crabtree all-natural cosmetics company, to Kandell gifts, winner in 1978 of export and design awards for their decorative scented candles, and to Laura Ashley fabrics.

From Italy, he brought the bath products of the Borsari company, known popularly as "Jelly and Jellies." These include colourful jars of completely natural bath crystals and salts, sold for about IL250-300 a jar.

The display of richly-coloured bath towels portends high prices and foreign names, but the labels prove otherwise. Arad towels, made in Israel. All sizes are available, at IL270 for regular size, and IL450 for bath size.

Elisheva now plans to design and produce bathrobes made from the same Arad terry or locally-made velour, with monogramming at no extra charge.

The Tsur especially wanted to offer something different, and they are doing just that, largely due to Elisheva's personal creativity. They are the only shop that custom designs and produces kitchen and bedroom sets with curtains, tablecloths, and bedding sets. The Laura Ashley furnishing fabrics are used for bedspreads and curtains, and for the ruffle trim on sheets — beautiful for children's rooms. The fabric costs about IL300 per metre, plus sewing costs. A small tablecloth costs about IL400.

A set including a quilt cover and pillow case, of Laura Ashley fabric, and sheet with Laura Ashley trim cost about IL1,700 for a single bed, and IL3,000 for a double. Elisheva's patchwork quilt-bedspreads with two pillows cost IL4,100 for single size.

Other items on display at Noel include ceramic tea sets decorated with Elisheva's patterns, at IL1,100 per set of six, as well as other decorative ceramic gifts. Colourful tin canisters from six different European firms are available, as well as Aubeco cookware from France, and all kinds of mugs and serving dishes.

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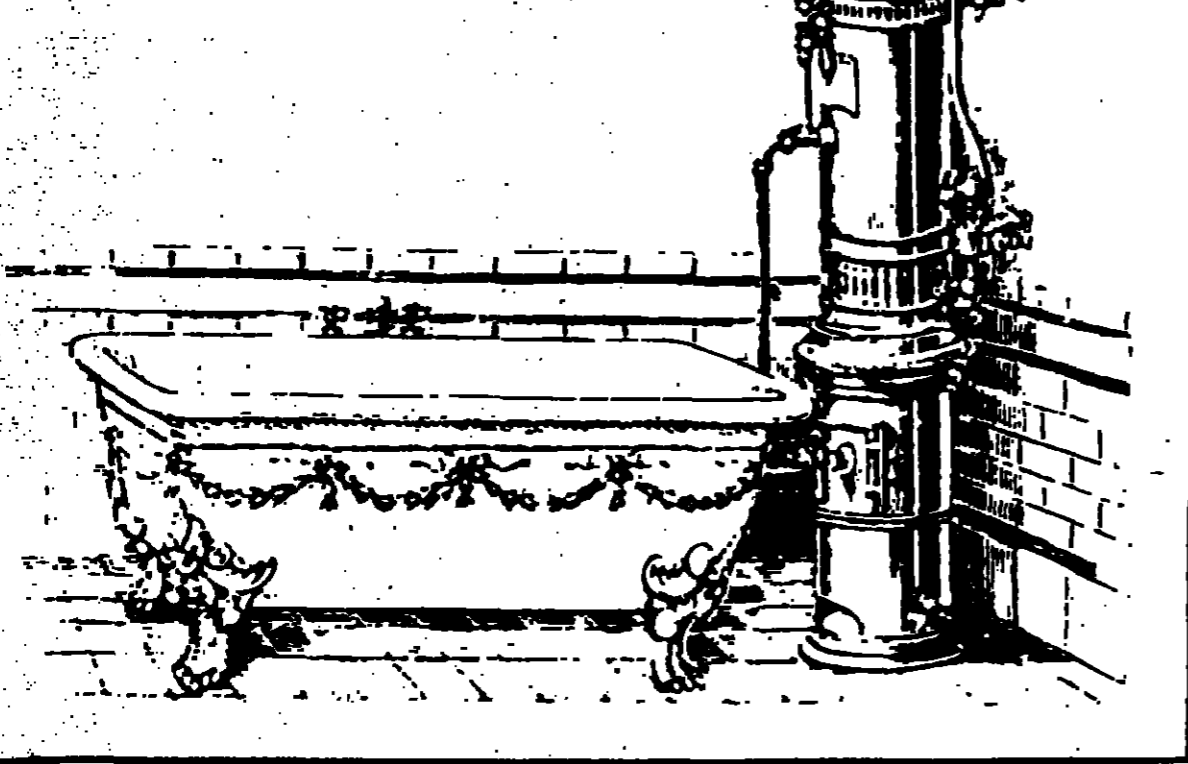
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Bathroom boom

Decorating the littiest rooms is the new Israeli craze, writes Yitzhak Oked.



faucets and other bathroom equipment whose speciality is their modern design and bright colours.

Orly is exhibiting both products made locally at its Orly workshop, and imported items. Shimshon Malachi, managing director of Orly, told me that his family-run enterprise specializes in shower cabinet and bathtub enclosures. They have also turned to importing some products by Kinkhead, Mustee and Klimstock, because of the greater variety this gives the buyer.

Malachi hopes that the hit of the exhibition will be the tub and shower set, which includes the tub, shower and all the installations in one piece. He said this whole thing complete will sell for about ILS 600. According to Malachi, this is cheaper than if you have to buy each part separately and afterwards tile the wall.

Shimon Giladi, manager of Soloor's building material department, that will also be exhibiting Harsa, Hamat and Barbur products at the fair, claims that Israelis are buying export bathroom fixtures because of snob appeal.

"Most of our sanitary ware is also exported, and we compete with the toughest. Our products sometimes cost more, but it seems that people are willing to pay for quality."

"What surprises me most is that some of the material being imported here is of very low quality, some not even meeting the standards of the Israel Standards Institute."

Giladi is specially proud of the Harsa products, which include toilet bowls and accessories such as soap holders and toilet paper holders which are all made of vitreous china, like dishes.

He also had strong words about those importers who are boasting of the architects who design their equipment. He claims that it is an open secret that in this field everyone copies everyone else. To prove his point, he showed us a catalogue showing different products from different countries, and they did look very similar both in style and colour.

He admitted that Israeli manufacturers do not have a very big variety of products — partly due to the lack of workers in industry. "If we had more workers, we could work more shifts, produce and export more and have a larger variety of products." He too was not complaining about the present economic situation in Israel, saying that till now Soloor was selling everything they produced; and were sure that if they had more workers they would be able to sell even more.

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Tiles from the desert

'Blue & white' comes in many colours at Negev Ceramics. Dulcy Leibler reports.

NEGEV Ceramics, Ltd., was founded in 1972 by the Pecker family (of metal works fame). In just seven years the firm's glazed, highly resistant ceramic tiles have had a tremendous impact on the local scene. Many of the country's recently built banks branches have installed Negev floor tiles, as did the new Diamond Exchange. Outside facades sport them as well, and according to a British journalist, they've even been used to decorate a Kuwaiti sheik's swimming pool. He must have imported them from Iran — one of Negev ceramic's foreign customers before the Khomelini takeover.

The plant, located in the southern development town of Yeroham, originally had two product lines: ceramic floor tiles and wall tiles. It was set up under a know-how agreement with an Italian firm from whom equipment was initially purchased as well. By 1976, however, Negev dropped its wall tile line, and improved — through local innovations — the ceramic tiles. These are frost proof, acid resistant, highly durable, do not fade or stain and are extremely versatile. They may be used indoors, outside, on floors as well as on walls.

The tiles are available in one size only — 10 x 20 cms — and come in about 40 different colours and patterns. Most of them sell for ILS 60 per square metre (30 tiles), although some of the more "artistic" designs — which include duo-tones, speckled effects, textural look and decorative relief — can run as high as ILS 140 per square metre.

Negev Ceramics boasts sales of its entire output, which amounts to 850



With 90 workers in its Yeroham plant, Negev Ceramics enjoys excellent labour relations. The firm plays an active role within the development town community, and recently built a day-care centre at its own expense. The children enjoy full air conditioning, and — naturally — there are tiles all over.

Since it is a local firm, it shares local problems. It recognizes the average householder's struggle with inflation, and to help save its customers money has embarked on a do-it-yourself promotion. Company officials claim their tiles are easy to place on walls and floors. They have published a brochure with complete instructions, and their showroom personnel are experienced and qualified to advise on installation problems. Furthermore, Negev Ceramics rents out tile cutting machines, for trimming all lengths, fitting corners, etc., so a home-done job has no excuse for not looking professional.

The company's best sellers are its solid colours, which range from Coffee Brown and Baltic Blue to Blazing Orange and Corrida Red. (Red tiles cost more, since the pigment is more expensive.) The most popular items are off-white and ivory, both shades which have been perfected by Negev Ceramics' staff engineers. The many shades of brown, including honey and mustard, and marble and brick effects are also in demand.

Cleaning chores are said to be minimized with ceramic tiles, which only require a good wiping to make them shine in bathrooms and kitchens. The right shades can also produce extremely elegant or cozy effects in other rooms, as well as spruce up a patio or turn a roof into a friendly family sun-porch.

About 20 per cent of Negev Ceramics' output is shipped to overseas clients, mainly in Canada and Singapore. Of the balance — all sold in Israel — 25 per cent of all sales are through the two showrooms located at 124 King George St., Tel Aviv and 1 Hill St., Jerusalem. Another 35 per cent is sold through stores and agents, and large institutional orders account for the rest.

In fiscal 1979, Negev Ceramics reported sales of ILS 85m, compared with ILS 65m. the previous year and only ILS 25m. in 1977. An expansion programme is currently underway, and potential customers will soon be able to choose their tiles from an even greater range. Many new colours will be introduced, not just to Israel but to the international ceramics industry. Obviously, thinking "blue and white" when buying tiles makes sense.

"AFTER THE living room and diningroom, Israelis are suddenly discovering the aesthetics of having a nice bathroom."

This statement was made by someone who sells bathroom equipment. He may not be the most objective of persons, but from the crowds and the vast selection of products in stores that specialize in the sale of bathroom and sanitary products, there is obviously a lot of truth in these words.

A veteran Israeli commented: "Israeli society has gone a long way since the time of the pioneer 'habitsim' and outhouses to this." He spoke as he pointed to an imported toilet paper holder with angled tearing edge, priced at ILS 670 (without the toilet paper).

This great Israeli interest in bathrooms has caused the Stier Group International Fairs company in Tel Aviv to stage an exhibition devoted to the subject. Called Sanitax — 80, it opens tomorrow (Monday) and is open until Thursday at Eshel, the Israel exhibitions and trade fairs centre at America House in Tel Aviv.

The fair will be open from 12 noon till 4 p.m. for the professional trade such as architects, plumbers, engineers and technicians. From 4 p.m. till 10 p.m. the fair will be open to the general public.

Kurt Levy who together with his wife Tina runs the Tina Exclusive shop in Tel Aviv and are the sole importers of Svedbergs products from Sweden are among the exhibitors.

Levy admitted that their bathroom furniture and equipment is expensive, but he added that it is of the very highest quality. Their wood is treated against moisture and heat that usually prevails in bathrooms. Their products are planned by architects down to the smallest detail. Most of the products are built according to the module system, enabling a person to fit them according to the specifications of his bathroom. The faucets come in chrome and solid gold plated.

Levy says that "Thank God business is good." Israelis, he says, like to buy things that are "antique" in style.

Another exhibitor, Uri Ya'ari, is importing faucets from Denmark. He will be exhibiting new lines of

Rest room

Louis Cahana relaxes with a book.

WE CALL IT the library. Not for us such circumlocutions as john or loo. Its major function is to serve as a reading room, so we call it the library.

For many years we used the coy

American term, bathroom. That was until I visited a couple in Amsterdam and asked to go to the bathroom. "We don't have one," they said. "We take our baths in the public bathhouse down the street."

Not only had I made a verbal faux pas, I couldn't even read there. All their books were in Dutch.

So it is to the bathroom that I retire. In the morning with *The Jerusalem Post*. In the evening with the latest thriller, purchased from my secondhand bookshop, or with a magazine that has taken only three months to arrive from America.

But now my peace is broken. My three-year-old has learned the joys of reading. That is not to say that he is so precocious as to be able to read.

He knows the far greater joy of being read to.

"Where are you going, abba?" he asks as I try to hide the newspaper under my arm.

"I'm going to make kaka," I answer in bilingual babytalk.

"I have to make kaka," he wails as he runs, not for the toilet, but for the bookshelf. Choice of book is usually a simple one. If I have read it to him at least 80 times before, the chances are he will want it again. If he has never heard it, he probably won't want to hear it.

Book in hand, he draws up his potty and presents himself to be unbuttoned. With a sigh of contentment he arranges, then rearranges the potty, and then sits down.

The reading is a joint enterprise. Sometimes I ask him questions to see if he is paying attention and sometimes he asks me questions to see if I am paying attention. Usually they are the same questions.

When the book is finished (it would be heresy to stop midway through a book) he comes out with one of two responses: Again, or another book. But the rules are strict, only one book per session.

Then he gets up and, as likely as not he looks down ruefully. "I only made peepee," he says. I assure him that one is just as good as the other. Then we arrange ourselves; wash our hands, and go in for breakfast.

We still call it the library, but now the library has a children's section.

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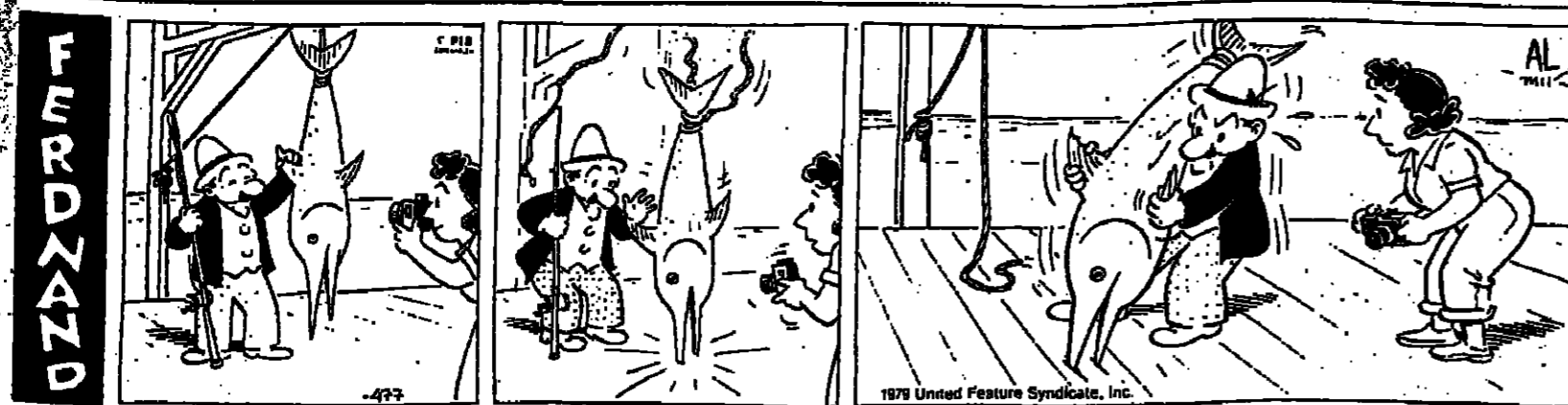
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JERUSALEM Binyanei Ha'oma (Subscription Concert No. 2) Tue. 4.12.79. TEL AVIV Tel Aviv Museum Thu. 6.12.79.

Conductors: AVNER ITAL THOMAS HILBISH. All concerts will be held at the Tel Aviv Museum at 8.30 p.m.

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TELEVISION

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7.07 Morning Concert - Scarlatti: Symphony No. 5; Telemann: Cantata for Soprano, Oboe and Harpsichord.

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JORDAN TV

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RAMAT GAN

Armed: Rocky Hill, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Sadar: Wrong Number, 4, 7.15, 9.30.

HOLON

Migdal: The In-Laws, 7.15, 9.15

NETANYA

Esther: Wrong Number, 7, 9.15

FEYAT TIEVA

Shalom: The Magnificent 7, Sun, Wed, Thur, 3.30, 7, 9.30; Mon, 7, 9.30; Tues, 3.30, 9.30

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6.30 University on the Air - Dr. Uri Rap discusses the role of games in behavior.

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Armed: Rocky Hill, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Sadar: Wrong Number, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Lily: The Main Event; Esther: Escape from Alcatraz...

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The Israel Public is in Complete Agreement. It is said that Israelis are a stiff-necked people, every single individual having a different view on things. But on one matter at least there is complete accord - the finest restaurant in the country is the Zion restaurant in the Keren Hataimim quarter.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD. Cryptic Puzzle and Easy Puzzle. Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle. 1 Across: An illuminating sort of scene? (5).

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW. Cryptic Puzzle solutions: 1 Across: An illuminating sort of scene? (5) - 1. A scene. 2 Down: Something to put in a box? (3) - 2. Lid.

Sports

Tie games cause few changes in standings

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Five drawn games in both the National League and second division resulted in few changes in the soccer league tables last night with Tel Aviv Hapoel and Jerusalem Hapoel retaining top spots with one point each in both divisions.

goal in the 28th minute. The goal resulted in Tel Aviv Betar's only attack in the first half.
A great game by Nissim Djerbi in the Tel Aviv goal kept Jerusalem Betar from scoring. Jerusalem Betar captain Danny Neumann said after the game that his team was going through "a crisis."

The win of the day was notched by Snei Yehuda, in Petah Tikva, where it trounced the local Hapoel by 3-0. Petah Tikva Maccabi put on a better show in holding Tel Aviv Maccabi to a 1-1 draw at the latter's home ground at Bloomfield Stadium.
Tel Aviv Betar scored an upset at the YMCA ground as it beat Jerusalem Betar 1-0. Jaffa Maccabi is still without a win, being held at home to a 0-0 draw by Haifa Hapoel.

National League
Netanya, Maccabi 2, Yehud Hapoel 2
Jaffa Maccabi 0, Haifa Hapoel 0
Petah Tikva Hap. 3, Be'er Sheva 3
Be'er Sheva Hap. 1, Tel Aviv Hap. 1
Hakoah 0, Ramat Amidar 0
Tel Aviv Mac. 1, Petah Tikva Mac. 1
Jerusalem Betar 1, Tel Aviv Betar 1
Kfar Sava Hapoel 2, Shimonon 1

Following these results, Tel Aviv Hapoel leads three teams by one point from Netanya Maccabi, Shimonon and Kfar Sava Hapoel, Yehuda Hapoel and Tel Aviv Maccabi, the defending champion, is one point further behind.

Standings
National League, after 9 games:
W D L G. P.
1. Tel Aviv Hapoel 6 3 1 10:2 18
2. Netanya Maccabi 4 4 1 17:9 12
3. Shimonon 5 2 2 15:8 12
4. Kfar Sava Hapoel 4 4 1 8:4 12
5. Yehud Hapoel 4 3 2 7:8 11
6. Tel Aviv Maccabi 4 3 2 14:12 11
7. Petah Tikva Mac. 2 4 2 6:9 10
8. Tel Aviv Betar 3 3 3 10:9 9
9. Snei Yehuda 3 4 1 10:8 10
10. Hakoah 3 2 4 11:17 8
11. Be'er Sheva Hapoel 2 3 4 10:9 7
12. Jerusalem Betar 1 5 3 7:10 7
13. Petah Tikva Hapoel 1 3 4 11:12 5
14. Haifa Hapoel 1 5 3 8:12 7
15. Ramat Amidar 2 2 5 7:7 6
16. Jaffa Maccabi 0 4 5 2:11 5

Third-place Lod Hapoel was lucky to get away with a 1-1 draw against Ramat Gan Hapoel, thanks to a freak goal by Ronnie Levy.
Ramat Gan's Levy sent the ball back towards his own goal from the halfway line, only to see his efforts beat his own goal.

Second Division, after 11 games:
W D L Goals Pts.
1. Jerusalem Hapoel 6 4 1 11:4 16
2. Acre Hapoel 5 3 2 10:15 14
3. Lod Hapoel 5 4 2 10:10 14
4. Beit Shean Hapoel 5 4 2 12:8 14
5. Ramat Gan Hapoel 3 7 1 11:8 13
6. Hadera Hapoel 3 5 2 8:4 11
7. Hishlon Hapoel 2 4 4 11:12 11
8. Holon Hapoel 2 7 2 7:8 11
9. Beit Shean Hap. 3 5 3 11:18 11
10. Haifa Maccabi 4 3 4 10:11 10
11. Upper Nazareth Hap. 4 4 3 11:12 10
12. Acre Hapoel 2 4 4 7:10 9
13. Tiberias Hapoel 2 4 5 8:12 8
14. Be'er Sheva Maccabi 2 4 5 8:12 8
15. Tel Hacarmel 2 5 4 7:12 8
16. Bat Yam Hapoel 1 5 5 6:20 7

In the second half Tel Aviv Hapoel improved and pressed for an equalizer. In the 57th minute Gaby Lavy levelled the score with a goal that Be'er Sheva goalkeeper Mario Zochowitzky should have collected.

Yehoshua Feigenbaum gave Shimonon the lead in Kfar Sava with a fine shot after seven minutes. The same player was sent off by referee Zvi Sharir in the 66th minute for fouling Kfar Sava's Yisachk Mahmoud, leaving Shimonon with only 10 men when the score stood at 1-1.

To appear shortly — the illustrated album by Church of the Holy Sepulchre David Roberts (1839)

TELEVISION
The touring women's tennis team from Jersey in Britain's Channel Islands, had the worst of two matches against local clubs at Caesarea last week.



Tel Aviv Betar goalkeeper Nissim Djerbi is kept busy yesterday afternoon in a game against Jerusalem Betar. He kept out all Jerusalem scoring attempts during the match, but his efforts were not appreciated by Jerusalem fans at the YMCA field who pelted him with toilet paper. Tel Aviv won 1-0. (Zoom 77)



(Rahamim Israel)

Taiwan fighting to stay in Olympics

LONDON. — The Taiwanese are fighting to stay in the Olympic Games, to go on calling themselves the Republic of China and to keep using the old Kuomintang flag.
A pile of letters lies in the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) at Lausanne, Switzerland, containing votes by IOC members on the latest formula to bring the athletes of Mainland China into the games.

The formula calls on Taiwan to drop its old political name, to compete as the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee and to march in the opening parade under a special Olympic flag. If that is approved — and Olympic sources say approval is virtually certain — Taiwan's lawyers will seek to block it through the courts in Switzerland, legally the IOC's home.

Meanwhile, Moscow Radio said on Friday that "hostile emigre nationalist groups" in the West might try to infiltrate the Olympic Games in Moscow next year "to cast a shadow on that splendid international sports forum."

The radio said in a youth programme monitored in London that these groups felt the influx of tourists would be such that it would not be easy to detect their emissaries, especially if an early start were made in training them.

TA leads division in European Cup
Tel Aviv Maccabi leads its division in the European Cup basketball championship after its 69-61 win over Dynamo of Bucharest in Brashov, Rumania, on Thursday night.

India's spirited reply to Pakistan cricket total
BANGALORE, India (Reuter). — India captain Sunil Gavaskar made 88 and his brother-in-law Gundappa Viswanath 72 not out here yesterday in a thrilling reply to Pakistan's big first innings score in the first cricket test.

At close of play on the third day India were 261 for three, only 170 runs behind Pakistan's 481 for nine declared.

Gavaskar, India's most prolific run-maker of all time, was within sight of his 23rd test century when he was caught at silly point off Abdul Qadir. Viswanath, in brilliant form, cut and square drove lustily and reached the boundary 11 times.

Yashpal Sharma was 38 not out for the close. He and Viswanath put on 87 for the unfinished fourth wicket stand.

Derby tops Forest in UK soccer

LONDON. — Derby hit Nottingham Forest, European soccer champions, for three goals in three minutes yesterday and went on to win 4-1 in a major upset in the English championship.
Forest has now failed to win in the last six league games.

Manchester United slammed Norwich 5-0, helped by two goals from Joe Jordan, and climbed back to the top of the standings. Manchester are one point ahead of Liverpool, the defending champions, who were held to a goalless draw by Arsenal.

Manchester United had 23 points, Liverpool and Crystal Palace 21, with four teams — Nottingham Forest, Arsenal, Middlesbrough and Tottenham — sharing fourth place on 19. But Liverpool have played only 15 games and all the others have played 17.

Two errors by England goalkeeper Peter Shilton set Derby on its way to a resounding win over Forest, who have lost their last four away matches.

Forest manager Brian Clough, back at his old club, could hardly believe his eyes as Shilton fumbled a left wing cross to give Gerry Daly a simple goal in the 15th minute. Two minutes later Shilton failed to cut out a cross from the right and John Duncan headed Derby into a 2-0 lead.

Steve Emery completed Shilton's misery by scoring a third goal less than a minute later.

Manchester United, which has struggled for goals for most of the season, had no difficulty against a generous Norwich defence. Scotland international Joe Jordan scored twice for a 3-0 win.

While Shilton was having a rare bad game at Derby, Ray Clemens, England's first-choice goalkeeper, was in brilliant form to deny Arsenal revenge for its Football Association (FA) Charity Shield defeat by Liverpool at the beginning of the season.

English First Division Results
Arsenal 0, Liverpool 0
Aston Villa 0, Leeds United 0
Bristol City 1, Manchester City 0
Crystal Palace 0, Coventry City 0
Derby County 4, Nottingham Forest 1
Everton 1, Tottenham Hotspur 1
Ipswich Town 3, Southampton 1
Manchester United 5, Norwich City 0
Middlesbrough 1, Brighton & Hove Albion 1
Stoke City 1, Bolton Wanderers 0
Wolves Wanderers 0, W. Bromwich 0

STANDINGS
First Division
W D L G Pts.
Manchester United 9 3 2 21:11 23
Liverpool 8 6 2 32:12 22
Crystal Palace 6 8 2 23:15 21
Arsenal 6 7 4 19:11 19
Nottingham Forest 8 6 2 27:18 19
Middlesbrough 7 5 15:11 19
Tottenham 7 5 5 22:19 19
Norwich 7 4 6 22:18 18
Aston Villa 5 8 3 16:14 18
Wolverhampton 7 4 5 15:15 18
Coventry 3 2 7 27:28 17
Manchester City 7 3 7 16:22 17
West Bromwich 5 6 6 23:20 16
Bristol City 5 6 5 18:18 16
Derby 7 2 9 15:15 16
Southampton 4 7 6 22:14 15
Everton 4 7 6 22:14 15
Stoke 5 5 7 21:28 15
Leeds 4 7 6 17:24 15
Derby 7 2 9 15:15 16
Ipswich 6 2 9 18:22 14
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Instructor Rubens Noguera (right) of Brazil helps Nadia Lustig of Tel Aviv prepare for tonight's Israeli ice skating championship. The event, the first of its kind in this country, will be held at the Skateland Rink at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds at 8:30 p.m. (Alex Sussakind)

250 to compete in marathon; Egyptians decline to enter

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Nearly 300 runners, including some 70 from abroad, have so far entered the Sheraton Sea of Galilee International Marathon from Ein Gev to Ginosar on December 20.

Sweden's veteran athlete Bertil Laraker, 43, who will be competing in his 22nd marathon during 1979, constituting a world record for the event over a one-year period.

The 200 or more local competitors will be a mixture of experienced runners and joggers. Among them will be the event's oldest participant, 78-year-old Yosef Weis.

Entry forms for the race can be obtained from the Marathon Organizing Committee, Israel Sports Federation, 4 Rehov Marmorek, Tel Aviv. The fee is IL200.

Egypt, however, has declined the invitation of the Israeli Sports Federation's athletics committee to send a team to this third annual marathon race.

In its reply, sent via the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, the Egyptian Athletic Association explained that sporting competition with Israel would have to await the normalization of relations between the two countries on January 26.

Runners from at least 15 countries will be taking part in the 82.195-kilometre race around Lake Kinneret, this year sponsored for the first time by the Tel Aviv Sheraton Hotel. It is again being organized by the ISF's athletics committee, with the cooperation of various Jordan Valley local authorities and kibbutzim on the route.

The marathon — which will double as the third national championships in the event — has been granted official recognition by the London-based International Amateur Athletic Federation.

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Mounting fuel bill

TODAY WE EXIT from the Alma oilfields in Sinai; and our bill for the oil supplies that we have been drawing from that area goes up by something like \$850m. a year.

As it is, the nation's energy bill will total \$2,000m. a year in foreign exchange — at present-day fuel prices — and how long will they last? Israel's Bond sales, net of repayments, bring in less than a tenth of that sum.

These facts underline the size of the sacrifice that Israel is making in the cause of peace. They also underline the urgency of Finance Minister Hirtvit's programme for saving dollars.

The oil crisis facing Israel is not only economic, it is political as well. A sizeable proportion of world supplies is owned by her enemies, to whom Iran has lately been added.

There is a holdup, which is, again, political. Uranium is difficult to get without exposing the country's atomic installations to outside inspection.

Israel's needs in the field of nuclear energy are part of her strategy for survival. She has made herself more vulnerable than others in the field of energy, because she chose the path of peace.

Economy in oil use at home rates an equally high priority. Not only dollars must be saved; saving petro-dollars has a double importance. Motoring, for example, in particular pleasure-riding, should cease to be a pastime.

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Apart from the difficulty of finding a suitable candidate, there is reported to be the fear that picking one might upset the delicate balance of coalition forces.

The consequences for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs may, however, be very troubling indeed. Not because a ministry without a full-time minister presiding over it is something intolerable.

Thus the Transport Ministry was, during the long hiatus between Mr. Amit and Mr. Landau, administered by a deputy-minister in the Prime Minister's Office, and no great harm was done.

Only there is no comparing transportation with foreign affairs in the urgency of the critical decisions on vital national interests that need to be taken.

The sad fact is that Mr. Begin has got neither the time nor the mind for the business of what is in effect his own ministry.

Yet it would not be fair to blame Mr. Dayan alone for the neglect of the business of foreign affairs.

Whatever his motives, the fact is that Mr. Dayan deliberately ceded — or at least willingly allowed to be ceded — to his cabinet colleagues areas of concern which should properly have been his.

In quitting, Mr. Dayan explained that he had not been allowed to run the autonomy talks his way, which was what he wanted, and instead had been forced to run the diplomatic cocktail circuit, which was something he scorned.

It would be fairer to say that the ministry's officials are about as dedicated and hard-working a bunch as could be expected.

If their work is redundant, as Mr. Dayan came pretty close to suggesting, they should be transferred to other work, and their ministry disbanded.

THE CHALLENGE FACING NATO

How to stand up to Soviet military superiority in Europe? This is the question facing NATO when treaty members meet next month to discuss modernization of their nuclear potential.

AT A TIME when West German youth is strongly demonstrating its opposition to the use of nuclear energy, when it is turning in increasing numbers to "Die Grueene" (The Greens), a new party whose main programme is ecology and protection of the environment.

Henry Kissinger's declarations at the NATO conference in Brussels last September and on West German TV left no one in doubt about Soviet military superiority allowing for "selective blackmail manoeuvres."

WHAT NATO doesn't have — and this is the crux of the matter — are medium-range missiles. In other words, not only can NATO not protect its nerve centres — (main cities, industrial centres, strategic points, etc.) — against the Soviets' 1370 new S.S. 20 medium-range missiles.

equipped, with its Leopard-2 tanks, its Fornoide planes, its Alfa jets and much else. And, like the other armies, it can call on short-range nuclear weapons.

All this looks impressive; but in the event of a conventional war, the East European armies would very quickly get the upper hand and make spectacular advances.

It is a fact that West European NATO lags behind the Warsaw Pact countries. For its defence of Middle Europe, NATO has at its disposal 12 West German divisions as well as Belgian, British, Dutch and Canadian divisions, all stationed on West German territory.

military objectives, were to use their S.S.20 and their backfire bomber (thereby also killing millions of people), the U.S. would answer with their intercontinental weapons.

Meeting next month, the NATO members will have to decide on steps to modernize NATO's nuclear potential. However, there is no agreement on the subject.

Dutch, for instance, are strongly resisting the installation of medium-range missiles on their territory.

tion is indifferent to the subject of new medium-range missiles. The new generation is much more concerned with the problems of the Third World, showing more interest in the North-South axis than in the East-West one, and favouring a continuation of the East-West dialogue.

Many regard the possible installation of medium-range missiles on West German territory as a provocation.

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Nevertheless, remembering the discussions on and the rejection of the neutron bomb, Bonn is hoping for a general agreement at NATO's December conference on the subject of medium-range missiles.

And then? well, the attitude of the West European countries in 1958-59 is still fresh in many memories.

READERS' LETTERS

ABORTION AND THE ORIENTAL COMMUNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Clause 5 in the Abortion Law (which allows abortion when the pregnancy is likely to cause serious harm to the woman or her children, on account of the difficult family or social conditions of the woman and her environment)

For its defence of Middle Europe, NATO has at its disposal 12 West German divisions as well as Belgian, British, Dutch and Canadian divisions, all stationed on West German territory.

Clause 5 permits abortion for purely socio-economic reasons. No other country in the world permits abortion for these reasons, as stated by Health Minister Shostak in his letter.

It is regrettable that coalition — and opposition — politics obscure the issues in a serious problem like abortion.

The socio-economic argument has worn very thin indeed, the law having merely legalised and reduced the cost of abortion for the middle and upper middle classes.

Those 54 "nos" in the Knesset have nothing to be proud of. By voting as

the Knesset. Why is it so important then for Israel to have such a law? The truth is that most women who have abortions are in the higher economic and educational brackets and simply feel that having more than one or two children will interfere with their careers and other personal aspirations.

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Doesn't Kohmeini believe in Mohammed, or is he inventing a new brand of Islam? May Allah save Islam from this kind of reformer.

THE LESSON OF IRAN

Sir, — The recent events in Iran clearly one thing: American policy in the Middle East is in shambles.

They did, they have failed the nation and added nothing to their credibility as potential governors of this country.

In view of the Knesset's failure, we should have a nation-wide educational effort directed at mothers, actual and potential, in Israel. Let us proclaim and inculcate our belief in the sanctity of life, the sanctity of motherhood, the sanctity and happiness of the family and the honour of always, the womanhood of Israel must remain the bulwark and the saviour of our people.

EXAGGERATED CRITICISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There may be some grounds to complain about El Al service, but Egorn Ronay's criticisms in his guide on airlines (November 12) are exaggerated and partly untrue.

When dealing with security checks, Ronay apparently compares flights inside America or to countries other than Israel with flights to and from Tel Aviv — a great difference. Moreover, in my opinion, El Al goes out of its way to facilitate the security procedure.

Ronay complains that food served on El Al is "unpleasant rubbish."

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ISABELLE JOERGE (39), of Route Nationale, 85300 Darnetaillies, France, is a student who would like to have Israeli penfriends.

STOFFER DE VRIES of Rijkstraat Weg 176, Harem (GR), Holland, is planning to visit Israel next year and would like to correspond in the meantime with Israelis between the ages of 17 and 20.

NATIONAL UNITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — One of the most amazing facets of Israeli life is the way most politicians in this country are more anxious to preserve their party than their country.

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Sir, — The Ayatollah Khomeini does not appear to know enough about Islam since holding 80 American hostages in Teheran is contrary to his religion.

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THE SACREDNESS OF DEMOCRACY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On November 14, Mr. Avraham Sheleg said in a letter that he doubts the sacredness of democracy and that we did not come here necessarily to build a democracy but rather to build a state where Jews can be secure.

If it were a choice between living in a non-democratic Jewish country and a democratic non-Jewish country, I would choose the latter and leave this country.

No country has ever solved problems by suspending democracy (except in wartime, when everyone is firmly united). Suspension of democracy leads only to long-time dictatorship, as in Europe in the 30's and 30's, in Italy, Germany, Poland, Rumania, Portugal, etc.

The only way a democratic country can solve its problems is by having a citizenry that is enlightened.

POLGAT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Macabee Dean's article of October 29 on Polgat lists some of the main factors which, according to Chaim Pollak, account for the remarkably rapid expansion of the group over a comparatively short period of time.

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